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WSC changes step in the right direction

Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

Many changes have occurred to Westfield State College during the summer of 2000. College administrators, staff, and faculty hope these will be seen by the students as positive improvements to the campus.

333 Changes

The change to have the largest impact on students is the move of numerous offices and the Criminal Justice department to the former Stanhome building, 333 Western Avenue. The Registrar's office (Academic Records), Financial Aid, the Business Office (Bursar), and Admissions have all moved their offices to Stanhome and have merged to create the Student Administrative Service Center, or SAS. The combination of these offices is the result of an effort by the college to provide more efficient services to the Westfield State students.

Michelle Mattie, the director of SAS, believes that the move and merger will be a step in a positive direction for the students. She says that the new center will allow students to be serviced in one area.

"The goal of the center is for a student to be able to visit us and to deal with all issues in one place," says Mattie. "We expect the center to be an all inclusive service for students."

Dean Martin, the Dean of Undergraduate Admission, feels that the creation of the center will have a significant impact on students. He says that the short term impact on students will be one of adjustment due to the location of the center and expects to hear some grousing over it. He feels that the long term impact though will be a beneficial one to the students.

"I believe it is a good idea to put all of these offices together in one area," says Martin. "After purchasing Stanhome, we needed reasons for students to go there. It needs to feel like its part of the campus, and by placing these offices there, it will."

Dean Martin also says that there will be places on the main campus to pick up certain forms and information so it is convenient for the students. Add/Drop will also be on the main campus, in Scanlon Hall.

The SAS has sent out a flyer to students at their homes informing them of the move and of the new center. Mattie says she hopes to hear much feedback from students on the new center.

Other offices have also made the move to 333 Western Ave. These include Graduate and Continuing Education, Purchasing, Accounts Payable, Equal Opportunity, Payroll, Human Resources, Financial Accounting, Public Relations, the Chief Financial Officer, Alumni, Development, and the office of the President.

The new Student Administrative Service Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 333 Western Ave. The Center will be closed each Wednesday beginning September 27 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. for staff training to further improve the service provided to students. A shuttle bus will be running from the main campus to 333 Western Ave. If students have questions concerning the center they can reach the SAS at (413) 572-5218 or toll free in Massachusetts at 1-800-322-8401.

Criminal Justice Changes

The Criminal Justice department has also relocated to the former Stanhome building. Kim Tobin, a professor in the Criminal Justice department, says that this move will result in a nicer learning environment for the students. She says that there are new classrooms in the basement of the building, along with a computer lab that is still in the works. She also adds that faculty members now have better offices, which will result in the faculty being

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BHE agrees on teacher's contract extension

Meg Farrell
News Editor

Bargaining for a teacher contract has now been on the table for 53 weeks, according to Dr. Gerald Tetrault the union president. Since last May the faculty has secured a one year extension to their old contract through January 2000. That extension is now over, but if it is passed by Governer Cellucci and the legislature, the faculty will receive a 3 percent raise on their base salary and a 1 percent bonus.

The faculty has been bargaining for the year 2000-2003 contract with the state for over a year. Last spring, sounds of student and faculty alliance could be heard in front of Parenzo during the first rally held for the students to show their support. Faculty and staff came out to show their appreciation and speak to the students about the issues involved in their lack of a contract. Certain faculty members addressed the topic of salary in the May 1st issue of the Campus Voice. "We make less than the average for state college professors as it is" said Professor Steven Sossaman of the English Department. Tenure was also an issue of the faculty that the Board of Higher Education wanted to diminish.

Since the students left for the summer, the extension is the only thing that has been agreed on by the BHE and the faculty union. Dean Robert Martin seems to be optimistic about the 3 percent raise and 1 percent bonus. "I have every expectation that they (the faculty) will receive this money. It might not be seen until late fall because legislature is closed, but I have confidence that they will

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Pearl Jam rocks Massachusetts. Turn to page 6 for the full review.

-Photo by Laura Cyr

New Dickinson RD Shawn Hartman optimistic about the year

Res Life's New Passion Player

Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

The newest addition to the Residential Life staff for Fall 2000 at Westfield State College can be found at Dickinson Hall. Shawn Hartman is the new Residential Director of Dickinson, a job he is looking forward to beginning and has high expectations for.

Hartman, 22, originally from Gettysburg, PA, recently graduated from Methodist College in Fayetteville, North Carolina with degrees in Criminal Justice and Political Science.

At Methodist, Hartman received Res. Life training through his two years of being a R.A. After graduation, Hartman says knew he wanted to continue his work with Res. Life and wanted to return to the Northeast, which led to his arrival at Westfield State.

"I applied all over the northeast and I found Westfield State to be the most welcoming," Hartman says. "The staff was good and they kept up their communication with me."

Now that he is at Westfield, Hartman says he is ready to begin his job and has many ideas and plans for the upcoming year. "I want to work on student recognition and I have some new programming ideas, such as an adopt-a-freshman program," he says.

Hartman says he got the basics of how Res. Life worked during his week of R.D. training. He then got to meet with his staff of R.A.s for the year during the R.A. training the following week.

"I have an incredible R.A. staff. We have lots of similar personality traits

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Email us your hopes and dreams!!!!
Questions and comments ok too.
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From the Editor's Desk

Welcome to, or back to, good old Westfield State College. We've been hard at work up here at the Campus Voice preparing for a very busy year. Our intentions are to bring you controversial and useful information about your home for the next eight months or so.

The Campus Voice is a completely student run newspaper. The ads you will see in future publications are how we fund the issues and purchase our new equipment. The student staff volunteers their time to putting this paper together for the campus community on a weekly basis. That is, we don't get paid anything.

So just keep this in mind as you look through the paper on Monday afternoons. That there are a bunch of students working hard in a tiny office with no windows for many hours a week for one simple purpose: to make this place a little bit better than the way we found it.

Everyone knows that no institution is a utopia void of it's own faults and WSC is no exception. It is up to us to make the best of any given situation and attempt to improve upon our surroundings so that those that follow our footsteps will have a better path than we did.

So I guess that's my message for the incoming students: Get involved because if you don't, you might not like your home for the next eight months and may end up transfering in search of the "perfect college" instead of milking this perfectly good college, which I love, for all it's worth.

So try not to hibernate through the semester grumbling about the things we can't change. Instead get out and meet people, visit Stanley Park, drop by a Campus Activities Board meeting, join an intramural team, order some Papa John's pizza, "take a great walk" to 333 , don't forget to go to class and stop by the Voice to say hello. Good luck this year from all of us here at The Campus Voice.

RJ Burgess III

BHE , teacher's union still meeting

■ **Teachers**

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see the money."

Professor Gerald Tetrault was less optimistic. "We have been bargaining with no progress. The Board of Higher Education seems very insensitive to the needs of the faculty and the nature of our work. What we need now is for the administration to back up their praise with actions, in the way of professional development funds. Praise doesn't pay the electric bill."

In a meeting on September 8th, the teacher's union board of directors will vote on whether they should cease their participation in campus activities such as campus governance and accreditation. Sometime next week, Professor Tetrault will hold an opening meeting for the faculty union which students will be able to attend. "We really appreciated the support of the students last spring and we would love if more students would join the faculty/student alliance and get involved. We need to. encourage awareness and we need help in our struggle."

The union and the BHE will continue to meet for a long-term contract. "I really, really hope that they will all come to terms soon for their sake, the college's sake and especially for the student's sake," said Dean Martin.

-File Photo

Tetrault speaking on May 3

Optimistic Hartman is team player

■ **Hartman**

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which will help us work well together," he says. "The staff is very experienced and we are all committed to being a team. We have already developed good communication and we wish to spread this throughout the hall."

Hartman, who attended a private college, says he notices some differences between WSC and Methodist College. He says that the whole judicial process, an aspect of the college life he is interested in, is much different here than at a private school. "The judicial process is much more fair here. Here the students have more options and it is a more consistent and reasonable process," he says.

Hartman says that he would like to take this year and focus on his R.D. job and figure out if Res. Life is the path he would like to take. He hopes to continue his work at WSC after this year as well.

"I will probably be here for more years," he says. "I would like to use this year to gain some experience, and later on try some other aspects of Res. Life. It's my passion and it's something I really enjoy."

Woodward welcomes students

Welcome.

This is the first issue of the academic year and it is therefore, the first opportunity to welcome everyone to the campus and especially students new to the campus this fall.

Pres. Woodward

College personnel have been busy making changes to the campus with the best interest of students in mind. For example, the Public Safety Office has been moved to the white house at the center of campus with space for visitors, easy student-access and greater visibility. "333" (formerly the Stanhome building) is open with classrooms, major administrative offices, the home of the Criminal Justice department, Graduate and Continuing Education, but perhaps most important is the new Student Administrative Services (SAS) Center where students can handle the majority of their questions concerning financial aid, registration, payroll and the like. The idea is to offer one-stop service. Keep an eye out for the "Owl Express," the bus that will deliver you directly to the door or take the new sidewalk for a great walk. Two of the three Apartment Complexes have been completely retrofitted with new walls, ceilings, appliances and loads of amenities for students' comfort. The campus has been busy.

There is a great deal to do this semester outside the classroom starting with the highly acclaimed "A Moon for the Misbegotten" by Eugene O'Neill on September 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 in Dever Auditorium. This is a chance to see a play which has just left Broadway, or if this is not to your liking, think about Unity Day, invite your parents to Family Weekend September 16, go to the Speakers series and attend additional events.

The idea behind experiencing college is to learn and involve yourselves in as much as you can in an atmosphere of support and care. We have high expectations of you. We know you can do well academically if you apply yourselves. And if you do, you'll feel rewarded at the end of the semester less than four months away. Thank you for choosing Westfield and we wish you the very best as the first class of the new century. Welcome to the Best of the Best.

Public Safety welcomes changes and students

Dear Campus Community:

As the Director of Public Safety, and on behalf of the entire Department, I want to welcome everyone back to campus.

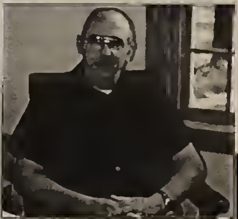
There have been many changes for our Department. We have relocated our offices to the "white house" on Western Avenue to better serve the College community. The building has been enlarged to include additional offices and a dispatch area.

Our staff has been busy most of the summer with parking decal requests that have been pouring in for the fall. An additional 60 parking spots are now offered on the main campus for students with Main and Davis decals, the spaces having come available as a result of the movement of many administrative departments to 333 Western Ave. The new student parking spaces are available in front of Scanlon and Courtney Halls. Additional parking is also available in the rear of Wilson Hall.

The College has added a full-sized bus called "The Owl Shuttle" to the campus. This PVTA 40 passenger bus will run between 333 Western Avenue to Scanlon Hall and South Lot from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. After 3:00 PM the Public Safety shuttle will be in service until 2:00 AM shuttling from the main campus to South Lot. The regular PVTA bus will be stopping at 333 as a part of its regular route both to and from campus until 8:00 PM. Please try to utilize the buses when you travel to 333 Western Ave. because there is limited, short-term parking during the day. Any campus member may ride all busses free of charge by showing their College ID.

Again, welcome back to those of you returning. And an especially warm welcome to new and transfer students.

Paul Scannell



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Suggestions or submissions may be dropped off at the *Campus Voice* office in Ely Campus Center room C-248.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All Letters To The Editor must be signed with your year and phone number. The *Campus Voice* will print some letters anonymously, but your name must be listed on the original letter (you must note that you do not want your name listed because we must call or speak to you personally to confirm this). Please make sure that all letters are in good taste.

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is, or not include the letter at all.

College officials hope changes seen as positive

■ Changes

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there more often and being more accessible to the students.

Tobin says that the distance between the main campus and the new location will take some getting used to for the students, especially for freshman and sophomores who have only one criminal justice class a semester.

She says that professors will be understanding early on though and take into account the adjustment students must make to the distance of the new location. She says that overall the faculty is excited.

"The faculty is excited about the new location. The new offices will provide more privacy between faculty and students and the learning environment will be so much better," says Tobin.

Parenzo Hall Changes

The move of these numerous offices to Stanhome has resulted in a change to Parenzo as well, which was formerly the home of these offices. The move has resulted in many vacant spaces, which may now be used for different purposes. Curt Robie, Facilities and Operations Manager, says that the Sociology department has moved from the second floor of Parenzo to the first floor in the former Admissions area. He says the Reading and Writing Lab has also been moved to the former Human Resources space. Robie says some space in Parenzo will be left vacant due to the plans to install an elevator in the spring.

Public Safety Changes

Public Safety is another department to relocate over the summer of 2000. Once housed in the basement of Parenzo, it has moved to the "White House", which was the former Alumni House. Chief Paul Scannell, the Director of Public Safety, says that building was enlarged, making room for offices and a dispatch area.

Scannell says that other changes Public Safety has made are an addition of 60 student parking spaces around Scanlon, Courtney, and Wilson. There will also be a full size campus shuttle bus that is scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. whose stops will include 333 Western Ave. The regular shuttle service will then continue until 2 a.m.

Residential Life Changes

The residence halls on Westfield State's campus have also seen changes over the summer. A two million dollar renovation project was done to the apartment complex, according to Curt Robie and Jon Conologue, Director of Residential Life. Apartment buildings 2 and 3 were completely renovated and all 3 apartment buildings received new furniture. The project will be completed next summer when apartment building 1 will be renovated. The exteriors of the apartment complex will also be renovated in the summer of 2001.

Conologue says that a new roof was put on Scanlon Hall and waterproofing work was done on Lammers Hall, in addition to the usual work orders, repairs, and painting that occur to the residence halls in the summer.

There are no significant policy changes in Residential Life, but there are many staffing changes Conologue says. He says that half of the RA's are returning and half are new this year. There is also a new RA system in the apartment complex that will better service the campus' upperclass students.

He also says that there are RD changes as well. Jon Berman, the former apartment complex RD, has become the RD of Davis Hall while Dave Sauter, the former Davis Hall RD, has become the RD of the apartment complex. Jen Lee has become the RD of Courtney Hall, and Shawn Hartman is the new RD of Dickinson Hall. Charmaine Challenger, a Westfield Class of '99 graduate, has returned to become the Graduate Assistant of Courtney Hall as well.

Conologue also says that Residential Life has plans for change in the future and has created a new mission plan.

"We have a new long range plan for the future," he says. "We are looking forward to having many conversations with the students and to receiving plenty of feedback."

Campus Center Changes

Changes to the Ely facilities and to campus activities have also occurred. Daryl Hendry, Executive Director of Student Affairs, says that they are attempting to turn the Third World room in the Ely basement into an entertainment area. There will be a pool table, more furniture, and a staging area for weekend programs, an idea recommended by students.

Hendry says there is also a public fax machine located in the lobby of Ely for student use. Two new mini buses have also been purchased for student group use.

There are many plans for the activities at Westfield State as well Hendry says.

"Unfortunately, the budget was reduced by 10%, so there is not much new stuff we can do," he says. "We do have very interesting program ideas though and we plan on doing lots of collaborative programming with other organizations."

He says that some programs for the future are five new guest lecture programs in the fall, the first one being a Eugene O' Neill play, "Moon for the Misbegotten." The play will be held in Dever Auditorium from Sept. 6-10. He says other programs will be public events, such as an a cappella concert in October.

Hendry also says that the Activities Calendar will now be posted on the web on the Campus Center web page.

Important Places and Phone Numbers ON and OFF Campus

ON-CAMPUS

Public Safety	x5262
Admissions and Financial Aid	x5218
The Bookstore	x5657
Information Line	x5440
Service Window	x5661
Wellness Center	x5500
Campus Voice	x5431
Computer Hotline	x5463
Counseling Center	x5790
Dial-A-Menu	x5423
Subway	x5441
Taco Bell	x5540
Health Service	x5415
Intramurals	x5424
Library	x5231
WSKB	x5427
Res. Life	x5402
SGA	x5429
TV Studio	x5750
Tekoa Yearbook	x5429
Mailroom	x5248
Class Cancellation Hotline	x5411
Athletics	x5405
Business Office	x5255
Career Services	x5206
Interfaith Center	x5567
Mass-PIRG	x5428
Minority Affairs	x5391
Registrar's Office	x5240
SNEA	x5481
Student Support Service	x5462
Veteran's Affairs	x5446

OFF-CAMPUS

Pizza Places

Davio's Pizza	572-1300
Domino's	572-4411
Elm Pizza	568-2020
Family Pizza	568-1580
Giovanni's	568-1623
Liquori's (in West Springfield)	737-9690
Pizza Hut	562-4888
Papa John's	562-7272
Pizza Towne	568-3940

Chinese Food

China Star	568-9698
Panda House	572-9816
Real China	568-9991
Golden Peacock	533-8207
Tung Shing Dragon	572-4522

Restaurants

Woody's	562-9663
Points East	568-1315
Barney's	562-1251
Bickford's	562-0777
The Good Table	562-9888
Applebee's	564-0343
Pasquale's	562-5009
School Stree tBistro	562-8700

Resume Services

WestfieldBusinessService	568-1705
Impact Resumes	568-2356

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Dan's Auto Body	568-3064
Hillside Auto Body	568-3944
Mr. Mike's	562-1252
Michael's Frame & Collision Inc	562-9373
Guiel's Auto Body (in Southwick)	569-0147

Lock-Out Services

Gary's All Night Towing	568-2168

Oil and Lube

Penske Auto Ctr	568-9648
Transit Lube Inc	568-6666

Auto Repair

AAMCO	562-5268
At your service auto repair	568-1994
Brake King	572-1735
Brookside Auto	562-1400
Pro Auto	562-8242

Movies/Showtimes

AMC theatres in Hadley: (www.amctheaters.com)

Showcase Cinemas in W. Springfield: (www.nationalamusements.com)

VP Jackson Offers a Helping Hand

VP Jackson

Dear Westfield State College Students:

Welcome to the College for the 2000-2001 academic year. You will find that we are planning new and exciting activities, and we hope that you will take advantage of the many opportunities afforded to you.

We will be continuing our Guest Lecture Series in the fall semester and will host speakers from across the country to provide intellectual and personal development. Our athletic teams will be competing during the fall season in football, field hockey, soccer, cross-country, and volleyball.

We hope that you will come out and support your fellow students. There are also a number of activities being planned for Welcome Week during the first week of classes, which includes the New Student Convocation on September 5, 2000, at 3:30 p.m., in Wilson Auditorium. This is an important event to meet your fellow classmates and welcome new students to campus.

Students should also take advantage of leadership opportunities offered through the Student Government Association, Residential Life, Campus Center, Campus Voice, and academic departments.

Most importantly, we hope you will excel in your academic studies at the College. If you need assistance with these matters, please visit the Academic Achievement Center in Parenzo Hall or ask your professors or administrators for assistance. Also, Student Affairs departments are available to assist you with various services. These offices are listed below:

Athletics - Ely 244 x5405
Campus Center - Ely 133 x5648
Career Services - Lammers Annex x5206
Counseling Center - Lammers Annex x5790
Health Services - Scanlon Annex x5415
Judicial Affairs - Ely 146 x5403
Public Safety - Public Safety Building x5262
Residential Life - Scanlon Annex x5402

Lastly I hope you will take this opportunity to develop your occupational pursuits by participating in Career Services programs and practicums and internships offered through your academic department. These endeavors will greatly improve your opportunities for employment upon graduation.

If you have any questions or wish to make any suggestions concerning the improvement of the College, please feel free to visit me in Ely Building, Room 236.

Sincerely,
Dr. Arthur R. Jackson
Vice President, Student Affairs

Conologue plans positive changes

Letter to All Resident Students.

On behalf of the Office of Residential Life, I am pleased to welcome you to the residence halls as we begin the 2000-2001 academic year.

Once again, we have a "full house" on campus as more students recognize what Westfield has to offer and decide to take advantage of the choices afforded by on-campus living and the limitless opportunities to make new friends. As happened last year, we encourage students to work together and with their in-hall staff members to build positive, pleasant communities and to minimize any potential inconveniences associated with our abundance of residents.

With the new academic year come many changes in staffing. Some of these represent familiar faces in new places, such as with our Residence Directors (David Sauter from Davis to the Apartments, Jon Berman from the Apartments to Davis, and Jen Lee from Dickinson to Courtney). New staff members include Shawn Hartman as Dickinson R.D. and Charmaine Challenger (a 1999 WSC graduate) as our Courtney Hall Graduate Assistant. We also have a balance of new and returning Resident Assistants to provide information, activities and other needed support within your residence halls.

On the facilities front, much of our attention this summer went to the Apartment Complex, which boasts new furniture in all buildings and floor-to-ceiling renovations in buildings 1 and 2. Please stop by and see for yourself. We've also changed our staffing in the area to provide more activities targeted toward our juniors and seniors, including career, resume, and other post-college life skills and topics.

One of our major activities for the coming semester will be the development of a new long-range plan for our Residential Life program. This will include reviews of our staffing, program offerings, special living units, policies, facilities and amenities. We need your feedback to create a plan that serves your needs and supports our new mission statement:

"Residential Life engages residents in developing an academically and personally supportive community."

For our first-year residents, we particularly encourage you to check out the schedule of Welcome Week activities that begin on 9/3 and continue through 9/10. Also, a reminder to all students to participate in the celebrate Unity Picnic on 9/15 from 4-6 p.m., and Family Day events on 9/16.

Jon Conologue

We are here to help. Please talk with your Resident Assistants and Residence Director or come to the Residential Life office in Scanlon Annex if we can provide assistance or point you toward someone who can.

With best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding academic year.

Dr. Jon A. Conlogue
Director of Residential Life

Want to be a Positive Part of the Campus Discipline System?

Applications are avaliable for the
STUDENT CONDUCT BOARD/
STUDENT CONDUCT INTERNS

*excellent Student leadership opportunity
*Open to all majors
*Must be in good academic and social standing
*Open to all full-time and part-time students
*Interns can receive academic credit

More Info. and applications can be found at SGA, lower level Ely Campus Center
Deadline: Friday, Sept. 15th

NEWS FROM CAB

The Campus Activities Board is looking for new members!

Dedicate just a few hours a week and have the opportunity to:

*meet new and famous people
*have a say in activities on campus
*make new friends
*learn to work with bands/entertainers
*participate in regional conventions

If you are interested, email CAB at: cabwsc@yahoo.com or call Maggie at: x5429

Meetings are held once a week on Wednesdays at 4:30pm in the basement of Ely (SGA)
1st meeting is on Sept. 6th
*****FREE FOOD*****

CAMPUS PEP RALLY

Come out and enjoy the fire, show your school spirit, and support the Westfield State College Athletic Teams...

Friday Night September 8th, 8:30 p.m. on the Campus Green

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For details call Jill Hardy at the SGA Office at x5429

The Campus Voice

General Interest
Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 7
7 p.m. Upper Ely
Lobby

WANTED:

- Photographers
- Columnists
- Reporters
- Artists

WSKB General Interest Meeting

Tuesday,
September 12,
9:00 p.m.
Ely Lower
Lounge

Bring a pen, bring a friend, leave the crap at home.

If you do not have a parking sticker yet, please park your car in South Lot, NOT Main Lot.

Thank you, Chief Scannell

ATTENTION SENIORS!

◆Convocation - Thursday Sept. 21 at 5:30 p.m. Scanlon Banquet Hall
Semi-Formal, Dress Appropriately
Free Dinner & Tenative Speaker: Professor Steven Sossaman, English Dept.
◆Two open positions for senior class Rep. to Senate - Call Jocelyn at x5429
◆Senior Days Events (subject to change) - Friday Sept. 22, Ely Hill
Ticket Price and Time: TBA
Win a gift certificate for travel - Alcohol served to people 21+ w/proper ID

Ten Year Old Pearl Jam proves Immortality is possible

RJ Burgess III
Editor In Chief

Despite rumors of Pearl Jam being washed up musicians with their best days behind them, the Seattle rockers managed to more than please a sold out crowd of faithful fans at the Tweeter Center last Tuesday evening.

Pearl Jam, now old timers in the music business brought "senior citizens" Sonic Youth to open for them. Embarrassingly enough I, although being a die hard grunge fan, had never listened to the band. All I knew about them was that Nirvana were big fans of them. Despite technical difficulties, which seemingly resulted from screeching amps, the band managed to prove themselves worthwhile to a crowd of drooling fans longing to hear Pearl Jam only. Guitars screamed, bodies whaled, and for forty minutes I felt as close to untainted rock as I have ever been. When Sonic Youth left the stage at 8:10p.m. thousands of concert goers waited in anticipation for what many consider one of the best bands of the 90's.

The stage personnel did not set up the extravagant set for Pearl Jam that I had seen twice before. Instead they kept the stage simple and raw like one might expect to find at any bar or small club with live music. . I wondered if this was an act of simplifying things to focus on the music or indifference to a tour they didn't really want to play. My questions would be answered soon after they took the stage.

About fifteen minutes after Sonic Youth departed, Eddie, Stone, Mike, Jeff and current drummer Matt Cameron, formerly of Soundgarden took the stage. They opened with a traditionally mellow song, perhaps to warm themselves up to the venue, the crowd on their feet cheering with all their energy. "Of a girl," from PJ's new album was the concerts opening song followed by the energetic debut song from their new CD Binaural "Breakerfall." The band thundered through their first seven songs without a word to the audience. Vitalogy hit "Corduroy" was followed by the powerful VS. debut song "Go." New song "God's Diee" written by bassist Jeff Ament and Ten classic "Evenflow" kept the crowd engaged and excited while flowing into the best version of Yield's first single "Given to fly" that I have ever heard.

When this block was complete lead singer Eddie Vedder conversed with the crowd. "It's good to be anywhere, but it's great to be here," Vedder mumbled. He then announced the bands 10 year anniversary approaching in October and how they paled in comparison to Sonic Youth who will he "celebrating" their 20 year anniversary soon.

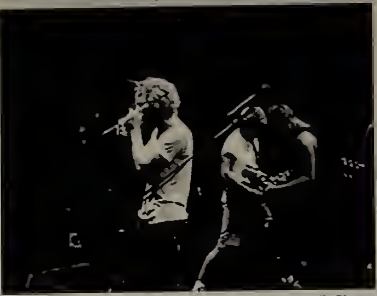
Then it was back to the music with the first single of the Binaural CD "Nothing as it seems" also written by Ament followed by the song written about the World Trade Organization riots in Seattle, "Grievance." The next song that was listed on the website's setlist page for the show was listed as "Untitled" and though I was surprised to here a song that I had never heard before by PJ, many hard core fans seemed to he singing along to the calm unknown song. The energy returned with "MFC" and a great version of "Habit" which had the crowd jumping out of their seats.

Although PJ didn't bring everything except the kitchen sink on the tour with them, they did manage to remember the disco ball for crowd pleasure "Wishlist." Cover song "Save it for later" was blended into the end of "Betterman," another fan favorite. The next block included three songs off the new album including the Columbinc massacre inspired "Rival," written by guitarist Stone Gossard, the subdued "Sleight of Hand," and powerful "Insignificance." "Porch" from Ten ended the set on a great note with guitarist Mike McCready smashing his guitar, and although the band played many songs from the new album, the crowd appeared more than pleased with the show.

After a short break Vedder appeared. He was dressed in white pants and a white shirt. His hair much shorter than the Ten days with facial hair replacing it. He looked like a cross between a Colombian drug lord and a retired Floridian. "You can check the bootlegs to make sure we don't say this at every show," Vedder said, "But this is the liveliest crowd we've played for since Europe." He then began to talk politics, voicing his support for the Green Party before going into a solo rendition of cover song "I am a patriot." The encore set was amazing including "Do the Evolution," "Jeremy," "Once," and the Gossard song "Mankind."

"We don't usually play this song unless there's a cow in the audience," Vedder said before playing the Victoria William's song "Crazy Mary" and referring to the fan in a cow suit that had somehow worked his way from in front of me in the middle of the Tweeter Center all the way to the front row. PJ then played oldie's song "Soldier of Love" and "Rearviewmirror," before departing the stage once again.

They returned shortly for the second encore Which included "Yellow Ledbetter" and the Neil Young song "F*** up." The crowd expressed their excitement through their cheers and the band proved themselves as very much alive and well by giving an energized and exhilarating performance.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Pearl Jam on Binaural Tour

Weezer finally returns to Boston

Kevin Buckingham
Voice Reporter

On Friday, August 25, Weezer lit up the stage at The Axis Nightclub in Boston. As I walked down Lansdowne Street towards the club, scalpers passed by offering as much as $150 for a mere $20 general admission ticket. When I went inside, I found the club busting at the seams with people trying to force their way, unsuccessfully, to the front of the crowd.

The opening act was a band named Dynamite Hack from Texas that had been touring with Weezer for some time. Their style fit in well with the crowd of Weezer fans, who seemed to enjoy their sound. The influences of Dynamite Hack were obvious and included the headlining act, Weezer, and Blink 182. Similar to Blink 182, two different members of the band switched off taking the lead vocals for different songs. Their two voices were distinctly different from each other and the rest of the band seemed to have a different style to go with each. One with a punkish, higher voice similar to Tom DeLonge of Blink 182 and one with a lower, more powerful voice that was similar to Weezer's own Rivers Cuomo. They played a forty-five minute, high–energy set, but no matter what they played, the crowd was happy to see them end and got ready for Weezer.

After a somewhat annoying hour-long wait, Weezer finally started their set. Opening with a crowd favorite, "My Name is Jonas", the audience was swept into a frenzy that kept going all the way until the end of the show. The only point in the show that seemed to slow down was when they started to play some new songs that will be on their new album coming out this March. Rivers banged out three brand new songs in a row that did not seem to have the same edge and upbeat tempo that is Weezer's unique sound. For the first time, the crowd stopped moving and seemed almost bored. That ended right away when they started back up with their old favorites. Almost every song on their blue album was played with the exception of "The World Has Turned and Left Me Here".

My only complaint about the show, with the exception of the short hour and fifteen minute set, was that only three songs were played off of their most recent, but still three-year-old album Pinkerton. My favorite of the two, it has a heavier, more complex sound than their blue album. All in all, the team of Dynamite Hack and Weezer put on an excellent show, and hopefully their new album in the spring will live up to the first two.

-File Photo

The California based band Weezer

The best band you've never heard of

Jed Dion
A & E Editor

One of the best new releases this summer comes from a punk band by the name of Chixdiggit. The band was created so that the members would have an excuse to put "Chixdiggit" on T-shirts when they were in high school. The band's third and newest album is titled "Scene to Shining Scene" And is chock full of 70's style punk rock with funny lyrical matter.

The album is full of weird jokes and funny references. The band obviously just write songs about what they know about, growing up in Calgary, These Canadian punkers were first picked up by Sub Pop, the record label Nirvana started out on. Sub Pop dropped the band and they were soon picked up by Honest Don's a division of Fat Wreck Chords. The label Honest Don's is for bands that don't quite sound like Fat Wreck Chord bands. Other groups on the label are the poppy Limp, the 70's style Teen Idols, the snotty Diesel Boy and the rather dull J Church.

In the opening track the band explains how a father of theirs eats meat and is proud of it. "My dad he likes to eat meat it's true, he don't really care if you don't eat it too." The second song is fast but is still able to cut into a Spanish guitar solo providing back up for the title of "Spanish Fever."

Songs like "Born in Toulouse," "Sweaty and Hairless," and "Thursday Night" are so catchy the listener will remember the tune after only one listen. This is a plus because often times a punk album will fly by, sounding like on big long brigade of noise. The songs on "Scene to Shining Scene" are short but memorable.

The highlight of the album is track four, "Melissa Louise." The way the singer uses his rather high voice to sing in a low register sounds neat. It's just a catchy tune, but you may need to read the lyrics to figure out what's being said. It's not that the singer screams or says things to fast. Chixdiggit are notorious for stretching words making them sound not like they are.

If you like catchy punk music give Chixdiggit a try. If you're worried about blowing money and then finding out you hate it, try listening to it first by requesting songs from it on WSKB Westfield's own campus radio station.

Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year Named

Mickey Curtis
Special to the Voice

Westfield State College senior Melissa Merrow of Dunstable (Groton-Dunstable Regional High School) was selected as the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference's Howard C. Smith Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the 1999-2000 academic year.

The award is presented annually to a male and female senior student-athlete who have excelled both academically and athletically while a student of a Massachusetts State College. The award is named in honor of Howard C. Smith, a former state college trustee who was largely responsible for the formation of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference and the acceptance of intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the state college system.

To be considered for this award a student-athlete must have achieved at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average and must be in his or her last year of athletic eligibility.

This year's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year is Salem State's Osvaldo DosReis, an All America soccer player from Boston.

Merrow, a psychology major with a 3.89 cumulative grade point average, was a standout in track and field and cross country for the past four years. She was named the cross country team's Most Valuable Performer in 1999, as she finished second in the Mass. State Conference and placed third in the New England Alliance championships.

A four-time all conference performer, Merrow helped lead the Owls to four straight Mass. State Conference cross country championships, placing fifth in 1998, fourth in 1997, and sixth in 1996. She received the team's Outstanding Contributor Award in 1997 and 1998, and was New England Alliance all conference both years.

On the track, Merrow was a four-time conference and a three-time New England Alliance champion. She captured Mass. State Conference championships four consecutive years: the 1500 meter run (1997 and 1999), 5000 meters (1998), and 3000 meters (2000).

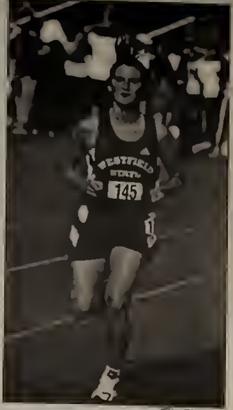
Merrow also received numerous academic honors. She was a District 1 GTE Academic All America as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), and was named Westfield State's Senior Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She is an NCAA postgraduate scholarship nominee and received the Westfield State's psychology departmental award for academic excellence. She has been a member of Psi Chi (psychology honor society) since 1998 and Phi Kappa Phi (all disciplines honor society) since 1999.

"I have had the privilege of coaching Melissa Merrow as a member of both the cross country and track teams for the past four years and during that time Melissa has been a model of achievement at Westfield State College," said coach Bob Rausch.

"Not only has she been an outstanding athlete and student, but she has been and continues to be an outstanding person. Her strong work ethic and dedication make her the consummate student-athlete, and she is also the type of individual who takes a sincere interest in the well being of her teammates. She is the type of person you hope you get a chance to work with some time in your career as a coach and educator."

"Melissa is one of the best students I have known in my 30 years of teaching," said Westfield State College psychology professor William Duval. "My support is based not only on her academic work but includes the contributions she has made to the College. Melissa is bright, intellectually curious and very responsible in her approach to her studies. She has prepared herself well for graduate school by taking a variety of courses that will provide a strong background in the counseling field."

Merrow is the 10th Westfield State student-athlete to receive the award since its inception in 1980. Westfield State's 10 scholar-athlete honorees are the most in the eight-team conference, followed by Fitchburg and Mass Maritime Academy with seven apiece and Salem State with six.



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Scholar athelete Melissa Merrow

Intramural Activities

Activity	Entry/Roster Due	Captains Meeting		Play Begins
1 Pitch Softball (M&W)	Thurs. Sept. 7th	Thurs. Sept. 7th	6:30PM	Sun. Sept 10th
Flag Football League (M&W)	Thurs. Sept 7th	Thurs. Sept. 7th	7:00PM	Mon. Sept. 11th
Volleyball League (M&W)	Wed. Sept. 13th	Wed. Sept. 13th	6:30PM	Mon. Sept. 18th
3-3 Basketball League (M&W)	Wed. Sept. 13th	Wed. Sept. 13th	7:00PM	Mon. Sept. 18th
Tennis Singles (M&W)	Wed. Sept. 13th	Wed. Sept. 13th	7:30PM	Mon. Sept. 18th

** All Intramural Meetings will be held in Ely room 233.*

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Are you going to Play?
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Looking for on Campus Employment?

The Intramurals Dept. is now accepting applications for work study and trust fund positions.

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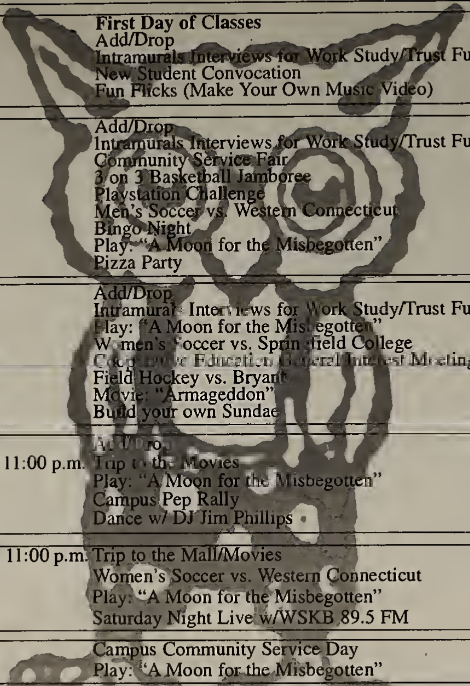
Pick up applications outside Ely 231.

Anyone looking for a job?

Intramurals will be conducting interviews for all work study and trust fund applicants.
September 5th, 6th, and 7th between 1PM-4PM.
There is a variety of positions avaliable.
Stop in and ask for Lou Ann room 231 Ely.

This Week's Calendar of Events



[illegible]	12:00, 3:00, & 6:00 p.m.	Trips to the Holyoke Mall	Scanlon Bus Stop
	12:00 p.m.	Upperclassmen Move-In	
[illegible]		**First Day of Classes**	
	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Add/Drop	Scanlon Hall
	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Intramurals Interviews for Work Study/Trust Fund	Stop by Ely 231
	3:30 p.m.	New Student Convocation	Wilson Auditorium
	5:00 p.m.	Fun Flicks (Make Your Own Music Video)	Ely Main Lounge
Wed 9/6	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Add/Drop	Scanlon Hall
	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Intramurals Interviews for Work Study/Trust Fund	Stop by Ely 231
	4:00 p.m.	Community Service Fair	Campus Green
	6:00 p.m.	3 on 3 Basketball Jamboree	Parenzo Gym
	6:30 p.m.	Playstation Challenge	Res. Hall Lounges
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Western Connecticut	Athletic Field
	8:00 p.m.	Bingo Night	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Play: "A Moon for the Misbegotten"	Dever Auditorium
	10:00 p.m.	Pizza Party	Ely Main Lounge
Thurs 9/7	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Add/Drop	Scanlon Hall
	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Intramurals Interviews for Work Study/Trust Fund	Stop by Ely 231
	2:00 p.m.	Play: "A Moon for the Misbegotten"	Dever Auditorium
	3:30 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Springfield College	Athletic Field
	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Cooperative Education General Interest Meeting	Wilson Auditorium A
	7:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Bryant	Athletic Field
	9:00 p.m.	Movie: "Armageddon"	Campus Green
	9:00 p.m.	Build your own Sundae	Campus Green
Fri 9/8	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Add/Drop	Scanlon Hall
	7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., & 11:00 p.m.	Trip to the Movies	Scanlon Bus Stop
	8:00 p.m.	Play: "A Moon for the Misbegotten"	Dever Auditorium
	8:30 p.m.	Campus Pep Rally	Campus Green
	10:00 p.m.	Dance w/ DJ Jim Phillips	Ely Main Lounge
Sat 9/9	11:00 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7, & 11:00 p.m.	Trip to the Mall/Movies	Scanlon Bus Stop
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Western Connecticut	Athletic Field
	2:00 p.m.	Play: "A Moon for the Misbegotten"	Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
Sun 9/10	11:00 a.m.	Campus Community Service Day	Campus Wide
	2:00 p.m.	Play: "A Moon for the Misbegotten"	Dever Auditorium

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MA State Building Inspector unaware of some crowded rooms

-Photo by Meg Farrell
This triple in Lammers was a double last year.

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

Westfield State College Residence Halls are at 109% capacity, leaving many on-campus students living in crowded rooms and the Massachusetts State Building Inspector unaware of the newly reassigned living arrangements.

2,084 checked into the residence halls this past weekend, making WSC over the Massachusetts Building Authority Design Codes by 164 students. Many of the residence halls are over-crowded according to the original codes for each building by at least forty students each. (see graph on page 1)

In a recent press release from the college, Director of Residential Life Jon Conlogue said that the college would be making some of their doubles into triples and their triples in quads. "The college redesigned many of

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Res. Halls	MA Building Authority Design Codes	# of students currently in halls
Davis	306 people	314 people
Lammers	294 people	336 people
Dickinson	306 people	286 people
Scanlon	285 people	356 people
Courtney	441 people	515 people
Apartments	288 people	277 people
Total	**1,920 people**	**2,084 people**

CJ Moves to 333

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

Criminal Justice students here at Westfield State College are voicing their opinions concerning the departments move to 333 Western Ave. now that classes have resumed, and these opinions are weighing more heavily on the negative side.

The recurring complaint from the Criminal Justice students concerns the distance that must now be traveled to attend their classes. CJ students, such as Justin Lamarre, a senior at WSC, said they are not happy about the move, and that it results in much time being wasted in the commute. "I'm not thrilled in the least. I have to go back and forth all the time. I have four classes at Stanhome and two on the main campus. I seriously dislike the move," Lamarre said.

Nick Howie, a sophomore and one of the 660 CJ majors at WSC, said that not only is the distance to the new facility a pain, but relying on the bus is as well. "The buses run every 15 minutes, so if you miss it, you're screwed," Howie said. "One

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WSC Freshmen take a hike to the business office at 333 Western Ave.
-Photo by RJ Burgess III

WSC standards raised for freshmen

By Public Affairs
Special to the Voice

Westfield State College continues to receive more applicants each year.

However, increased selectivity and concerns over residence hall capacities have kept this year's number of incoming freshmen at 890, compared to 955 counted last year at this time.

Although exact totals won't be finalized until mid-September, the number of day students registered as of Sept. 1 was 3,294, according to Registrar Susan Salzman. The number last year at this time was 3,407.

The grade point averages (GPAs) and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores (SATs) for this year's freshmen are significantly higher than in previous years, said Michelle Mattie, director of the college's Student Administrative Service Center.

Mattie said the accepted freshmen easily topped the Board of Higher Education's increasing standards for admission to state colleges and universities. "Our SAT scores look very good this year. Our average SAT score is 1030," she said. "Both math scores and verbal scores are up."

The new students have an average high school GPA of 2.94. The average GPA of last year's freshmen was 2.88, she said.

Mattie also said the numbers of applications, accepted students and rejected students all increased over last year. "We stopped taking applications for the freshman class on March 1," she said. "We really held to our deadline. Most state schools don't."

SGA Holds First Meeting

-Voice Staff Photo

Mandy Miranda addressed 30 returning senators last Tuesday.

"Owl Express" will run to 333 Western Ave

By RJ Burgess III
Editor in Chief

The first Student Government Association Meeting of the academic year was called to order just after 5:30 p.m. by SGA President Mandy Miranda last Thursday. About 30 returning senators listened attentively as Miranda nervously gave her first report in her new position.

"The first meeting is always a nervous situation," Miranda later said, "but I'm very excited about this upcoming year."

After Miranda welcomed everyone back, Shalimar Colon gave the Board of Trustees' report noting the first Blood Drive of the year on September 11. Colon also introduced a plan to register students to vote. "You're going to hear a lot about voting from me this year," Colon said.

Vice President of Student Life, Kendra Sands,

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From the Editor's Desk

Most people our age don't think twice about politics and government because we're too preoccupied with college life to care about what does not directly affect us. During this election year it is important for us to be knowledgeable of the two buffoons that are running for the most powerful position on Earth and exercise our vote for the lesser of the two evils.

The Campus Voice has recently connected with a wire service run by the LA Times and the Washington Post. Over the next few months, we will attempt to bring you newsworthy information about life outside Westfield, including Campaign 2000.

I would like to share with the college community some information a friend made me aware of about the Republican candidate for president:

The state of Texas, under the leadership of Governor George W. Bush, is ranked:

- 50th in spending for teachers' salaries
- 49th in spending on the environment
- 48th in per-capita funding for public health
- 47th in delivery of social services
- 42nd in child support collections
- 41st in per-capita spending on public education

and...

- 5th in percentage of population living in poverty
- 1st in air and water pollution
- 1st in percentage of poor working parents without insurance
- 1st in percentage of children without insurance
- 1st in executions (an average of one every two weeks for Bush's five years as Governor)

Just think what he could do for the country if he wins in November. Your Vote Counts.

RJ Burgess III

-Photo by RJ Burgess III

New MASSPIRG Representative Eric Annorino addresses senators at the first SGA Meeting

First SGA meeting "difficult" for some

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said that Public Safety added more spaces for parking this year but warned to not park in these spaces until the signs have changed.

Sands also said that the new PVTA bus known as the "Owl Express" would be running soon to transport students from the main campus to Building 333. She said the "Owl Express" should run every 10 minutes, "pending traffic," from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. After 3 p.m. students will have to wait for Westfield's PVTA bus to stop by 333 on its routine schedule. Public Safety's new shuttle bus will not include 333 in its current route, Sands said.

Maggie Smith, Vice President of Programming, informed senators of the upcoming events the Campus Activities Board would be running including the first Jazz Night on September 12, the Campus Carnival in conjunction with family weekend on September 16, and a Fall concert festival with tentative bands Traveling Mat and Lloyds Hill. "The Campus Activities Board will meet in SGA on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. this year she said.

Smith said that the Weekend Programming Committee will be returning to campus this year and meeting on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. "We received $10,000 from the president, coupled with our $10,000," Smith said.

Dan O'Driscoll gave the Finance report and said that the Club fair would be on September 15 in collaboration with the Celebrate Unity picnic.

Senior Class president Jocelyn Gregory announced Senior Convocation on September 21 and said that Dean Martin and her would be sending out invitations. "A RSVP response box will be at the Teller Window," Gregory said.

SGA Advisor, Barbara Hand, said, "The first meeting is always, I think, the most difficult to get through and from this point on, the real work begins."

CJ Majors give 333 mixed reviews

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kid had an 8:30 class, but the bus didn't even get there until 8:30, so he ended up being late."

The parking situation at the former Stanhome building is also a situation that brought about criticism. Tony Morrison, a senior, says more student parking should be made there. "They have so much land there that they could use for a parking lot," Morrison says. "This 30 minute parking is ridiculous."

Morrison also says that he feels the time in between classes should have been extended. "There is no way the walk can be made in the 10 minutes we're given between classes. More time between classes is needed," says Morrison.

Criminal Justice students, such as senior Matt Fontaine, also say that the classes are disrupted by noise due to work still being done in the basement of 333 Western, which is where the four new CJ classrooms are located. "My class was a little noisy since there were still construction workers doing work. We could hear them singing along to a radio during class," Fontaine said.

There were positive reports to be heard from Criminal Justice students as well though. Fontaine says the new facility is beautiful and he likes the new classrooms. "The new classrooms are good, with really nice, comfortable new furniture in them," Fontaine said.

Steve West, a senior and CJ major, says the professors have nice offices in the new facility, which makes them happier and was long overdue for them. West also says the difference in quality is huge. "There is a big difference in quality. I'd like all of my classrooms to be better quality like this," West says. "It was a big leap for the college to expand and it's worth it. I feel that overall the good outweighs the bad in this situation."

West also says that at a school like UMass, a walk like the one to 333 would be normal. This was also the view freshman CJ majors, such as Matt Murphy, bad of the move. Murphy, one of the approximately 140 freshman Criminal Justice majors, says that he doesn't think the walk will be that bad and that's how it is at most schools. Brendan Sullivan, also a freshman CJ major, says that he also doesn't think much of having to travel further to his Criminal Justice class than other classes. "I don't think it will be a big deal. I've never experienced anything else," Sullivan says.

Professor John Jones, the head of the Criminal Justice department, says that he understands students will need a period of adjustment to the change. He says that being on the main campus has its advantages, but the new location is for the best. "I would rather be on the main campus," Jones says, "but this is clearly an improvement. Our prior office space was horrible, so it is great to have new offices and classrooms, no matter what the location."

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Voice of The Week

Mark Solomon

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YEARS AT WSC: TWO

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Inspector says WSC will need permit to change room occupency sizes

■ Overcrowding

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the existing rooms, rather than turning many of the study halls into temporary rooms....some of our two-person rooms were converted into three-person rooms and three-person rooms converted into four-person rooms," said Conlogue.

However, State Building Inspector Joe McEvoy said that he was not given any advance notice of this change. "I was not made aware that they were making some doubles into triples and triples into quads."

McEvoy told The Campus Voice that the college needed to obtain a permit to be able to change the rooms to triples and quads. "They needed to apply for a permit to be able to do that and they will apply for one now," said McEvoy.

The new triples, specifically in Lammers, are technically permanent for the students occupying them. "The triples in Lammers are considered permanent. However, if a student really wants to move, they can still contact us about it, and we'll do what we can to move them. We hope to have the numbers down to around normal capacity by Spring semester," said Housing Coordinator Mark Soloman.

When questioned about the numbers and why they didn't match, Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Jackson said that the numbers weren't reflecting permanent situations.

"These numbers reflect mostly students that are placed in lounges. These rooms are not permanent and we plan to have the numbers close to normal by the spring semester," said Jackson.

After being contacted by the Campus Voice, McEvoy did get in contact with the school to discuss the numbers and any changes that might have to be made.

"I have contacted Curt Robie, Assistant Vice President in charge of Facilities and Operations, and we will meet to sit down and review the figures and go from there," said McEvoy.

Meanwhile, the students that are living in these situations were willing to voice their opinions.

Matt Murphy, class of 2004, said that he was very disappointed with the school's accommodations. "This room is horrible. It was too small for two people last year, and now there's three? What sense does that make?" said Murphy.

Mike Schibe, class of 2004, said that he was outraged over these living spaces. "Whoever arranged this should be hanged. You can't fit anything in anywhere here," said Schibe.

Most of the students placed in these triples are getting a 20% discount on their bill, but in return, not all of them are getting three desks, three bureaus and three closets.

Jen Daukais, class of 2004, said that she could not figure out where things should go and who should have to bring their stuff home because it didn't fit in the room.

"It's bad because it was hard to decide where everything would go and whose computers could stay because there isn't enough furniture for all of us to put our own on. My room would be good as a single. It's small as a double, and now it's a triple?" said Daukais.

Like last year, some of the lounges in Courtney are being used as rooms. Although they are said to not be permanent, these students are not receiving the same discount and are also getting less furniture.

Pat McCullough, class of 2003, said that he and his roommates had to share their closets and desks. "I only have two desks and two closets in my lounge/room for four people," said McCullough.

-Voice Staff Photo

WSC students make their own video during welcome week

New Art Gallery Director for season

By Public Affairs
Special to the Voice

The Amo Maris Gallery at Westfield State College will be under the directorship of Pat Conant, professor of Art, for the 2000-2001 season.

Conant, who has been on the faculty for over 30 years, is a printmaker, painter and muralist. She has won awards for her work throughout her career, including the Decordova Museum Purchase Award, the WGBY Critics Award, and the New Bedford Arts Festival first prize. She has exhibited at regional galleries such as the Hart Gallery in Northampton and the Wenniger Gallery in Boston, and her work has been featured nationally in exhibitions and galleries, and is represented in many collections. As a muralist, she has completed works for the Charles A. Gallagher Transportation Terminal in Lowell, the Baystate Medical Complex in Springfield, and the Westfield District Courthouse in Westfield, MA.

Conant has a B.F.A. from the Massachusetts College of Art and an M.F.A. from Tufts University in conjunction with the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

The Arno Maris Gallery opens September 11 with an exhibit by painter David Frazer.

The gallery is open Tues.-Sat., 1-5 p.m. For gallery information, call 572-5301 or 572-5630.

Gore and Bush debate debates

By Dan Balz
Washington Post

ROMEO, Mich.- The quadrennial debate over debates is a familiar and often-ignored ritual of presidential campaigns, but Texas Gov. George W. Bush is gambling that he can turn it into a weapon to recharge his candidacy and regain the offensive against Vice President Al Gore.

Gore's campaign believes the opposite and some analysts agree. They argue that Bush faces potential criticism for a proposal they say could significantly limit the audience and that he might appear defensive over Gore's reputation as a fierce debater.

Bush advisers were nonetheless gleeful Sunday as their candidate offered his challenge to Gore to join in three debates, only one of them sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates, which has sponsored the events since 1988.

With Gore on tape eagerly accepting offers to debate on NBC's ``Meet the Press" and CNN's ``Larry King Live," the Bush team believed they had Gore caught in a bind of his own making. ``Now we set the pace," one Bush adviser said.

The Bush team argued that Gore had spent the spring and summer claiming he was ready for any debate and calling on his GOP rival to accept some of the invitations on the table. ``We called the vice president's bluff," Bush communications director Karen Hughes said.

Gore immediately rebuffed the proposal, with his campaign chairman William Daley saying the vice president would consider other debates, but only after agreement on the commission's long-scheduled three presidential and one vice presidential debates.

Hughes said Monday she was ``surprised" that the news media were not doing more to hold Gore to his pledge to debate, and Bush pressed the case at a campaign rallies in Illinois and Michigan. Bush said Gore had made clear he was ready to debate ``any time, anywhere," but now is balking. ``That must depend on what the meaning of 'any time' is," Bush said at the Romeo Peach Festival Monday afternoon. ``I'm going to take the man at his word. I'm assuming he's going to show up. Unless it's the same old tired double talk out of Washington, D.C. It depends on what the definition of 'is' is."

Bush's decision reflects two realities: One is his desire to blunt Gore's momentum by shifting the focus away from the details of health care or Social Security and back to questions of character, leadership and credibility. The other is a belief that the forums with CNN's Larry King and NBC's Tim Russert would prove far more hospitable to his style.

Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution, who called Bush's proposal ``too clever by half," said he doubted the Texas governor could convert Gore's rebuff into a major issue of credibility among voters who pay little attention to debates about debates. ``My impression is that, to ordinary people, that's just not a plausible argument," Mann said.

Some Republicans said Monday they worried that Bush was making a mistake by largely throwing aside the commission's tradition of 90-minute debates in prime time, carried on all the major broadcast television networks. The NBC and CNN debates would run 60 minutes and there is no guarantee that other networks would air them at the same time.

``I think on this one, Gore has the upper hand," one GOP strategist said.

Bush officials defended their decision as a way to inject variety and different formats into the debates and derided past commission forums as ``phony," ``canned," and ``stilted." Hughes said the commission debates often reward the candidate ``who can memorize a 60-second statement" rather than someone who can withstand tough follow-up questions from ``a respected journalist."

Few doubt that Bush and Gore will eventually settle on a schedule for at least some dates. Daley said Monday that he would accept the commission's invitation to meet with the Bush campaign to talk about the debates. Fleischer said Bush's team would talk to the commission at some point, but only about the one commission debate they have accepted, on Oct. 17.

Virginia plantation finds window to the past

By Leef Smith
Washington Post

Overgrown with brambles and grass, South Road lay forgotten for almost 200 years, its purpose decaying along with the slave cabins that once lined it during the early part of the 19th century.

The road might have remained a historical footnote on the neatly manicured grounds of Sully Plantation had archaeologists and historians not rediscovered it 15 years ago, realizing it presented a rare opportunity to depict what slave life may have been like in Fairfax County, Va.

This week a reconstructed South Road and a replica of a slave cabin were formally opened to the public, providing visitors to Sully with a new look at the harsh conditions slaves faced as they worked to support one of Northern Virginia's most lavish estates.

In a society that still roils with racial tensions, historical interpretations _ particularly those involving slavery _ are a delicate business. A program of reenactments unveiled last year at Colonial Williamsburg so upset some visitors that they tried to attack the actors portraying slave owners; debriefing sessions were instituted to calm crying children.

For that reason, officials at Sully and the Fairfax County Park Authority, which has operated the plantation since 1959, have had docents and other staff undergo sensitivity training and say they plan to ``stick to the facts" to avoid misunderstandings.

Noting that they have taken their do-and-don't cues from sites such as Williamsburg, Va., Sully site manager Carol McDonnell said: ``It wasn't comfortable in the 1970s to talk about slaves. Today, it's just part of what we do. It's part of history, and you have to present it" or risk telling only half the story.

Gail Cassidy, an interpretive supervisor at Mount Vernon, Va., where a slave life program was begun in 1994, said controversy and disagreement are inevitable when slavery is being discussed but agreed it's a topic ``whose time has come."

Cassidy accompanies Mount Vernon guides three or four times to fine-tune their presentations before they are allowed to lead tours and answer visitors' questions on their own. Historical balance is the key, she said.

If the guides ``sound like they're whitewashing Washington, we have to clean it up and make it sound like we're not taking sides," she said. ``They can't go one way or the other. The whole point is that you want to get the facts out there."

Sully Plantation, just off Route 28 near Virginia's Dulles International Airport, may be better known for having antique car shows than providing history lessons. Staff members hope that the slave cabin, which cost $29,000 to build, and the increased emphasis on slave life will attract more visitors to the estate.

Built in 1794, Sully was the country home of Richard Bland Lee, Virginia's first representative to Congress, and his wife, Elizabeth. Lee, an uncle of Robert E. Lee, had 29 slaves to cultivate his fields, build his furniture and staff his estate.

Records indicate Lee's slaves lived in three cabins along South Road. The replica, a 16-by-20-foot oak structure, was built atop one of the sites.

-Washington Post Photo

Slave plantation recreation

Total Information Chaos on Russian Sub

By Sharon LaFraniere
Washington Post

MOSCOW - A Norwegian vice admiral involved in the effort to rescue 118 crewmen abroad the sunken Russian submarine Kursk has alleged that Russian authorities imperiled his team of deep-sea divers by giving them false and incomplete information.

Einar Skorgen, who headed the Norwegian rescue team, describes the problems in the latest issue of the weekly magazine Itogi, which is co-owned by the Russian media conglomerate Media-Most and Newsweek magazine.

``Total information chaos reigned," Skorgen said. ``They unleashed so much spurious and distorted information on us that it threatened the safety of our divers."

The Itogi article appeared as Moscow fire officials were criticizing the government's response to a fire 10 days ago in a landmark Moscow television tower that killed three people and knocked out TV service to millions of viewers in and around the capital. Once flames broke out near the top of the Ostankino tower, officials said, firefighters waited three hours for an order from President Vladimir Putin to turn off the electricity to it - a standard firefighting measure.

``If we had cut off the power earlier, we would probably have been able to localize the fire," Moscow Fire Chief Leonid Korotchik said.

Experts said the twin disasters highlight not only how poorly Russia is prepared for emergencies, but how likely calamities are to occur following a decade of shortcuts on repairs, lack of maintenance and failure to invest in the country's infrastructure.

Andrei Belousov, head of the Center of Macroeconomics Analysis in Moscow, said the country needs $50 billion to $70 billion simply to renovate its power stations to avoid power shortages. ``The time has come," he said. ``The infrastructure is worn out."

In the Itogi article, Skorgen contested Russia's claim that strong underwater currents and damage to an escape hatch on the nuclear-powered submarine's rear deck hindered rescue efforts. ``An absolute lie," he said. ``I made the Russians admit this."

A Norwegian deep-sea diver also disputed the description Russian officials gave of underwater conditions that confronted rescue teams. ``As regards to underwater currents and poor visibility, these were not much different than what we were used to in the North Sea," the diver said.

At one point, Skorgen said, he was so frustrated that he threatened to call off the operation. But he said he was able to work out the communications problems with Vyacheslav Popov, the commander of Russia's Northern Fleet. When they did dive, the Norwegians opened the submarine's hatch in just six hours after more than a week of failed efforts by the Russian navy.

Any delay that might have resulted because of Russian reluctance to share information probably cost no lives, because hopes that any crewmen had survived aboard the submarine had faded before the Norwegian team arrived. Still, the Norwegian complaint adds to the impression that Russians tried to cover up their own bungled rescue efforts with misleading information.

Behind the Shades

DAN WALSH

"Late Night In The Dorm"

A trumpet whines out a lonely chorus as a cloud of smoke clings to my lips and breath.

My silhouette is outlined on the wall, cast there by a glowing computer screen. Wrappers from candy bars and week-old pizza boxes are scattered randomly across the floor. All the legends of music keep vigil over me while I write of a book I had to read for psych class.

Frank Sinatra glares down at me, motionless in his poster as if wanting to say something but refraining for fear of interrupting my work. A knock on the door as I realize that maybe not everyone likes jazz at 1:30 in the morning. Soon the alarm will buzz, and off I'll go, pretending to care as I wave to people on my way to class. But not just yet.

With the computer off and nothing but a thousand and one glowing stars to keep me company, I sit. I watch as my cigarette burns out, the smoke rising and daring the smoke detector to go off as it dances around and around. Before I know it, a dim light starts to creep through the window shade and I realize that insomnia has claimed another victim once again.

A Letter from SGA

Welcome Back everyone! I would like to take this chance to introduce myself. My name is Mandy Miranda and I am the president of The Student Government Association. Student Government is the largest student organization on campus. The government is shaped of the Executive Council and the Legislative Body. Class officers, hall councils and All College Representatives make up the legislature. Student Government officers sit on a number of committees that help to improve the Westfield State College Community. Student Government is your direct link as well as an open forum to have your voice heard. Our office is located in the Ely Campus Center basement.

Student Government is a hub for many organizations on campus. It is also a way to join an existing club or start a new club. SGA is a wonderful way to get involved and meet new people. We also plan and organize many social events on campus such as The Senate Banquet, Spring Weekend, and the Campus Carnival. Student Government as well as the Campus Activities Board is always looking for new members.

There are many open positions in the legislature as well as openings for freshmen class officers. Signature papers can be found in the Student Government office. Elections will be held September 19th and September 20th. Student Government of ficers have been working hard all summer long and are looking forward to a great year.

Good luck in your academics. Please stop down and say hello.

-Mandy Miranda
SGA President

Freshmen Elections

Get Involved....Join SGA!

Postions avaliable for the Class of 2004:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Historian
Alumni Representative
Representative to SGA

Pick up signature papers in SGA located in Ely lower level Sept. 8th

Any questions or concerns call SGA x5429

NEWS FROM CAB

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Saturday, Sept. 16th, 11am-3pm
(Part of Family Weekend)
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AMUSEMENTS
GAME TENTS
PRIZES
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VENDORS
CLOWN
FREE BALLOON CHARACTERS

FUN FOR ALL AGES

Important Commuter Dates

Tuesday, September 12th-
1st Commuter Council Mtg.
Ely 147 4pm

Thursday, September 14th-
Commuter BBQ
Wilson Walkway 11:30-1:30pm

Tuesday, September 19th-
2nd Commuter Council Mtg.
Ely 147 4pm

Tuesday, September 26th-
Commuter Council Elections
Ely 147 4pm

Tuesday, October 17th-
Commuter Pizza Giveaway
Office 11:30-1:30pm

*Every Tuesday-
Commuter Council Meetings
Ely 147 4pm

"Please Join us! Have a good academic semester!" -Colleen Fromm, Commuter Council Interim President

MASSPIRG's new rep.

Hi everybody! I am writing to introduce myself and reintroduce MassPIRG to you all. My name is Eric Annarino and I am the new MassPIRG Campus Organizer here at Westfield State. I want to take this opportunity to let you know about what MassPIRG is and what we will be doing here on campus this fall. I would also like to encourage anyone who is interested in getting involved with our campaigns to contact me. My campus number is 5428 and my office is on the second floor of the Campus Center Rm. 234A.

Some of you may know that MassPIRG stands for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group. We have been working in western Massachusetts for over 25 years and have steadily grown throughout the state and have spawned similar PIRG's throughout the country. We were started by students because they understood that they had the time, energy, and will to make huge changes in respect to the many social, political, and environmental problems we face every day.

Now, 25 years later, we have been through some tremendous battles, and while we still have a long way to go, we have done some great things for our environment and society. Just last year we passed the toughest SUV emissions standards in the country here in Massachusetts, setting a precedent for the rest of America. This last year we also passed the Children's and Families Protection Act, which will keep some of the most dangerous pesticides off K-12 school grounds. On top of the environmental work we have done, we also raised $10,000 for the Hungry and Homeless in Massachusetts and fought political corruption at the national, state, and local level.

Again this year at Westfield we will be working on many similar issues. Our lead national campaign will be our Heritage Forests Campaign. Every new day in America another area the size of Newark, New Jersey is being clear-cut within our National Forests. What is worse is the fact that in most cases the citizens subsidize the logging companies every year with billions of dollars in road building expenses within the forests. This semester we will be working extremely hard to pressure Bill Clinton to protect the remaining 60 million acres of pristine wild forest left in our national lands.

We are also running a Massachusetts Youth Vote campaign. This is part of a national effort by the Youth Vote 2000 coalition, across the country, to get young people between the ages of 18 and 30 to register and vote in this year's election. We will be holding a Massachusetts Youth Vote conference in Boston, as well as running large voter registration drives here on campus and holding a Get Out The Vote event at election time.

Along with our national and state campaigns we are working on a couple of local campaigns here in the Westfield area. One will be our Water Watch program, which will organize river cleanups around the area. and raise awareness of water quality issues around Western Massachusetts. Also on the agenda, is our Hunger and Homelessness campaign that will raise donations, funds, and awareness for local poverty issues, and will culminate this semester with the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week just before Thanksgiving.

There is a tremendous amount of work to be done this semester. As we have proved in the past, though, students like you have the strength to get so much done to improve the world we live in. I think it is going to be a great semester, and I hope that all of you will come and join me in working on these issues.

Thanks,
Eric Annarino
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Why Debates Matter

The Washington Post

The following editorial appeared in Wednesday's Washington Post:

Presidential campaigns are so drawn out and so cluttered with spin and sound bites that they can seem impenetrable, like some particularly vicious argument carried on evening after evening by the family next door. To break through the clutter, campaigns need big moments: Times when the usual tit-for-tat is interrupted and the candidates sum up their messages to millions of voters. The party conventions have traditionally provided such key moments, but these have attracted steadily smaller TV audiences. Now the other important category of big moment is under threat too.

This second category is the presidential debates, which stand as the brightest example of television's potential to enrich politics. In 1996, the two contests organized by the Commission on Presidential Debates attracted audiences of 46 million and 36 million; in 1992 the commission brokered three encounters, which attracted between 85 million and 97 million viewers; the two debates of 1988 clocked in at 65 million and 67 million. Precisely because so many people watched them, the debates turned the presidential campaigns into popular subjects of conversation. These ripples were as valuable to the political culture as the debates themselves.

Now Gov. George W. Bush wants to attend only one of the three encounters scheduled for October. To make up for the two no-shows, he offers to confront Vice President Al Gore in two other settings: On CNN's ``Larry King Live," and NBC's ``Meet the Press." But neither venue is a worthy substitute. On a typical night, Larry King has just under 1 million viewers; ``Meet the Press" averages 4.5 million. Even assuming that a presidential encounter would boost those ratings, they fall far short of the audience that the debates can deliver. The reason is simple: The formal debates are carried on all the networks, plus CNN, PBS and C-SPAN.

Mr. Bush pleads that his formula will give voters a variety of settings in which to view the candidates. But the debates commission is ready to discuss table heights, question formats and any other issues that the Bush team wants to raise. Mr. Bush further claims that Mr. Gore is breaking a promise to meet him in his chosen venues. But Mr. Gore is not breaking that promise. He is merely insisting that Mr. Bush should not use these lesser encounters as an excuse to avoid the big ones.

Mr. Bush's efforts to downgrade the debates may have consequences beyond the current election cycle. Between the Nixon-Kennedy debates of 1960 and the Ford-Carter contests of 1976, there were three campaigns in which no debates were organized: Each time one candidate saw advantage in stalling the idea, and the absence of a neutral debates commission made this easier. Since 1976, however, there have been at least two big debates in each presidential cycle.

A healthy precedent had been established; but Mr. Bush's stance now threatens to return politics to the time when just one all-network encounter, or possibly even no encounter, is considered acceptable.

A candidate who frequently pledges to uplift the nation's political culture should think twice before doing that.

1st Annual Blood Drive
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Scanlon Banquet Hall
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"What was your first impression of WSC?"

"IT WAS CONFUSING...THE DORMS ARE A MAZE...I WAS VERY EXCITED AND NERVOUS AT THE SAME TIME."

LISA DAIGLE
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"IT WAS FUN, GETTING MY PICTURE TAKEN WITH JOE IN THE BIG CHAIR."

SAMANTHA HAKULA
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
2004

"WORK ALWAYS COMES FIRST, BUT YOU GOTTA HAVE FUN ALONG THE WAY."

BOBBY YARNIE
UNDECLARED
2004

"I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE OVERWHELMING, BUT EVERYONE'S WILLING TO GET ALONG AND ARE REAL FRIENDLY."

LEE JOHN COLLINS
COMPUTER SCIENCE
2004

"I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BORING, BUT THE CHICKS LIVEN IT UP."

DARIEN GALLOWAY
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WSC ‘Misbegotten” collaboration well received

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

The misbegotten characters and schemes in Eugene O'Neill's "A Moon For the Misbegotten" were well received by the audience in Dever Auditorium on September 6, opening night. The play, which involved many themes from fumbling romances and struggling with alcohol and poverty, appears to have fulfilled the mission of every play; crossing over the line between the stage and the audience and making the connection.

The play opened with a welcome from President Woodward, who commented on the collaborative effort between The Miniature Theatre of Chester and Westfield State College which resulted in the performance of the play on campus. Woodward also commented on the audience, which ranged from the mayor of Westfield to a good amount of WSC students, saying how pleased he was that many students chose to attend the evening's performance.

The first scene of "Moon" began with a sibling quarrel; Josie Hogan and her younger brother Mike Hogan were arguing over Mike's decision to leave home, just as his two older brothers had done as well. Mike tells Josie, who had been a mother figure to him since their real mother died in childbirth, that he must leave the farm where he claims their father, an old Irishman, Phil Hogan, is a slavedriver.

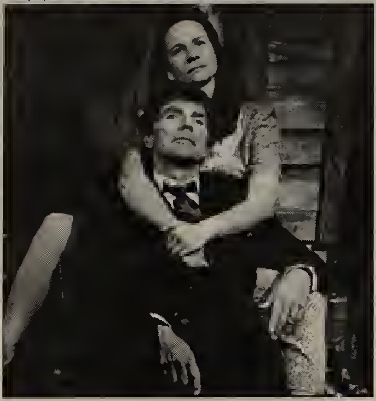
This first scene introduces one of the many themes of the play, one of strained relationships between fathers and sons. This theme is also seen in the troubled character of James Tyrone, Jr., the owner of the Hogan's land and farm, who speaks of his dead father in not so kind words. Troubled father and son relationships are seen, but not troubled father and daughter relationships, possibly suggesting the extra expectations fathers put on their sons and the frustrations that occur when the expectations are not met.

Throughout the play we see the characters devising misbegotten schemes and talking of and becoming involved in a variety of issues concerning love, the rich and the poor, and hidden pasts. Through Josie and Jim, we find a romance and see that love can have the power to, in only one moonlit night, help those giving and recieving love redeem themselves and almost free themselves of past troubles. This power of love does not come easily, and we see the characters struggle to reach it, but not as fully as truly needed.

The audience can also see more conflict between the wealthy and the poor in the characters of Phil Hogan, poor and in debt, and his wealthy neighbor, Harder. Hogan reveals through his ramblings his great distaste for the wealthy. He feels that those with wealth often accumulate it by hurting the poor and comments on the great difference between the two. The audience realizes though that it is not just financial poverty that the Hogans face; they also are dealing with emotional poverty with family and loved ones always leaving. This extra poverty may be why the Hogan's are so bitter concerning their neighbor, who seems to have all he wants in life.

"A Moon Over the Misbegotten" is a play that is both humorous to the audience and touches the audience with the disappointments the characters face, the troubles and conflicts they deal with, and the unfortunate lives that they lead and will lead until death. The play is acted out extraordinarily well, with great performances by Jennifer Rohn as Josie Hogan, Vincent Dowling as Phil Hogan, and David Birney as Jim Tyrone, all of whom belong to the Actors Equity Association and have years of professional experience.

Although Eugene O'Neill is a playwright born over 100 years ago, his play still manages to make a connection with an audience today. The humor incorporated in the play still leaves an audience laughing and the conflicts and issues "Moon" deals with are still issues an audience today can relate to, understand, and possibly learn more about through the play. A success half a century ago, "A Moon For the Misbegotten" is once again a success here at WSC.



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Josie and Jim of “Misbegotten”

Paintings by David Frazer

By Public Affairs
Special to the Voice

Paintings by David Frazer will be featured in the first exhibit of the season at Westfield State College's Arno Maris Gallery. The exhibit opens September 11 and runs through October 6. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.

Frazer has characterized his work as "abstract painting serviced by representational signs." Through an array of techniques, his paintings mimic the look of prints and collages. In one work, the wet ink of delicate tulips copied from Dutch etchings is blotted with newspaper, for the feel of a monotype or silkscreen. Frazer taught in Italy as a professor with the Rhode Island School of Design. "The hustle and bustle, the visual characteristics of Rome influenced my work," he says. The date of a gallery talk and reception will be announced. The Arno Maris Gallery is in the Ely Campus Center. For information, call 572-5301 or 572-5630.

Painting by David Frazer

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Ultimate Fakebook

By Jed Dion
A&E Editor

With a blend of loud drums, distorted guitar and falsetto vocals, Ultimate Fakebook's newest release "This Will Be Laughing Week" is a perfect ten.

With a Weezer like style, Ultimate Fakebook plays fast rock-n-roll tunes which range from kind of punkish to kind of emo. Songs like 'Downstairs/Arena Rock', 'Tell Me What You Want' and 'She Don't Even Know My Name' are more on the punkish side while songs like the title track, 'Glitter and Glue', 'Perfect Hair' and 'Real Drums' are more mellow sounding.

This contrast of sounds give the album a little diversity. The song matter also ranges from sweet love songs like 'A Million Hearts' to songs about the new Star Wars movie, 'Far, Far Away.' There's even a song about music being played by real musicians and not machines.

One of the things that really set Ultimate Fakebook away from the millions of bands that sound like them is lead vocalist Bill McShane's ability to weave in between singing in a traditional register and then taking it up into a falsetto in the same line. Mostly done by backing vocalists, a strong example of falsetto singing would be Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys. With Ultimate Fakebook it is the lead singer who does it giving the band its own style.

The booklet is shaped like a yearbook complete with an honors page, which serves as the track listing, a bunch of pictures of very 80's looking kids. One of the kids is sporting an Ultimate Fakebook t-shirt. The "yearbook" also has a backpage with signatures. An extra few points go to the band for this entertaining booklet as it is always nice to look at something interesting while you're listening to the album.

Anyone who is into rocking tunes, Weezer, and clever song writing should give Ultimate Fakebook a listen. The band's been around for quite a while, they even got to play some dates on the Mentos Tour, a tour sponsered by the Mentos candy promoting up and coming bands.

Calling all DJ’s

I would first like to welcome everybody back to school, and send a special welcome to the new student body as well. This year at WSKB is going to be slam-packed with great programming for your listening ears. Along with great programming ideas and all your favorite DJ's returning this fall, keep your eyes and ears open for the WSKB concert series: Rock-o-Rama. Last year, we brought in bands from New York City, Boston, and even local areas. If you didn't happen to get to any of those, be sure to check out this year's line-up that will be posted in the upcoming weeks. For all of you interested in joining the WSKB family, the general interest meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2000 at 9:00 p.m. in the Ely lower lounge. We are looking for enthusiastic and creative minds who are up for the WSKB challenge! So, bring a pen, bring a friend, and let's put the "Rad back in radio!" WSKB...traveling at the speed of sound.

Carmella Rossamando
WSKB General Manager

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-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 233
-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

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-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 11 at 7:00 p.m.
-Mandatory Captain's Meeting Wed. Oct. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Ely 233
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5-5 Basketball

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 6:30 p.m.
-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 233
-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Intramurals

- 1-pitch softball begins Sunday Sept. 10, 6pm on the turf
- Flag Football Begins Monday Sept. 11, 3:30 pm on the Campus Green
- Volleyball Captain's Meeting Wed. Sept. 13, 6:30 in Ely 233
- 3-3 Basketball Captain's Meeting on Wed. Sept. 13, 7pm in Ely 233
- Tennis Meeting Wed. Sept. 13, 7:30pm in Ely 233
- Intramural Ice Hockey begins Wed. Sept. 13

Varsity Softball Informational Meeting

Tuesday September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Ely 233
All Interested feel free to come

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General Interest Meeting
Tuesday September 12th at 9:00 p.m.
Ely Lower Lounge
Bring a pen, bring a friend, leave the crap at home.

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Co-ed Volleyball

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-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Ely 233
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-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 7:30 p.m.
-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Ely 233
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Football Squad Provides New Look For 2000 Season

By Mickey Curtis, SID

A nice blend of veterans and first-year players, and a new wrinkle in the offense make Westfield State College an interesting team to watch in the New England Football Conference (NEFC) this season.

What also makes the season intriguing is that for the first time the NEFC will sponsor a championship game at the conclusion of the regular season to determine the conference's automatic qualifier for the NCAA Tournament.

The championship game is scheduled for Nov. 11 at Worcester State College. The NEFC is comprised of 14 colleges, the largest conference in the nation, and is split into two seven-team divisions. The Owls play in the Bogan Division along with Bridgewater State, Fitchburg State, Framingham State, Mass. Maritime Academy, Worcester State, and Maine Maritime Academy.

"I think we can be competitive; we just have to win the close ones this year," said 11th year head coach Steve Marino.

The Owls finished a disappointing 4-6 in 1999 and didn't get untracked until the second half of the season when they won four of their final six games.

A chief reason the Owls dropped their first four games last year was their inconsistent offense. They plan to get off to a better start this season by making a few adjustments offensively.

"We just felt it was time to go with an offense that featured more of a sprint/option attack, that's our philosophy this year," said Marino, "To some degree it's because of the personnel we have."

The big news out of the Owls' camp is that sophomore Jesse Phelps has been tabbed the quarterback to direct the new-look offense. The 6-1, 190-pound Greenfield native beat out incumbent Chris Bourget for the key starting position.

Phelps only played in three games last year, throwing three incomplete passes. Bourget, a senior, took over as starter in the first game in 1999 when Dean DiGregorio went down with a season-ending injury. He averaged 16 passing attempts per game, completing 38 percent for 781 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"Jesse is a better runner and he throws better on the run," said Marino in explaining his decision to give Phelps the starting nod.

"Bourget is our best dropback passer and he should get some playing time in certain situations, especially when we want to throw the ball downfield," added the coach.

Making the quarterback situation even more interesting and competitive is John Frasco. The versatile senior from nearby Chicopee was the starting tight end last season when he caught four passes, all for touchdowns. He also handled the placekicking chores and was the team's second-leading scorer with 51 points.

This season the versatile 5-10, 190-pounder is moving to the offensive backfield, where the coaches plan to use him at quarterback and tailback.

"When I'm in, I'll look to use my speed to take some of the pressure off of the offensive line," said Frasco.

The Owls also have talent at the other skilled positions on offense. Junior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield displayed his potential the past two seasons when he backed up standout running back Jason Votzakis, who rushed for a school-record 1,469 yards in 1999. The 5-9, 190-pound Lyman averaged 5.5 yards per carry in a reserve role last year.

"Shawn has to stay healthy to have a big year," said Marino. "We hope to get him 15 to 20 carries a game. He definitely won't average more than 25 carries a game like Jason did."

"We need to do whatever it takes to win, whether it be passing, running, or a combination of the two," said Lyman.

A newcomer to watch offensively is freshman receiver Matt Yvon. The 6-2, 190-pounder from Springfield Cathedral High School had an outstanding pre-season camp

"He has great hands and catches anything that's near him," said Marino. "We have to get him the ball."

"I'm a newcomer, but I look forward to being a leader for this team," said Yvon.

The offense's success, however, just may hinge on the development of the linemen. The Owls do have players with experience up front, but only one senior in tackle Pat Harrington.

"I think the development of the offensive line will be the key," said Marino.

Also critical to the Owls' success is how well they can stay free of the injury hug during the nine-game regular season. The Owls only fielded 53 players heading into their season opener at Western New England College, and they noticeably lack depth at several positions, including defensive line and running back.

"We had a low turnout this year and we'll struggle with our depth," Marino said. "Our first stringers are very talented, but health will play a role."

Defensively, the Owls return their top three tacklers from last season: senior linebacker Ken Stewart, senior end Tim Corr, and sophomore lineback Mike Hurteau. The secondary is led by veterans Ryan Clifford, Kyle Kostanski and Al Gates.

"Our defense looks solid with our front seven and secondary," said Marino.

Home Games This Week

Wednesday, Sept. 13
Men's Soccer vs. Williams @Szot Park
in Chicopee, 7:00 p.m
Thursday, Sept. 14
Field Hockey vs. Elms, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16
Women's Soccer vs. Smith, 10:30 a.m.
Football vs. Fitchburg, 2:00 p.m.

Westfield State Football Team Captains, left to right: John Frasco, Tim Corr, and Ken Stewart. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Men's Soccer To Showcase Talent vs. Williams College

By Mickey Curtis, SID

It will be a homecoming of sorts for the coach and many of the players when Westfield State College hosts perennial power Williams College in a key early-season NCAA Division III men's soccer matchup at Szot Park in Chicopee on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Thirteen of Westfield State's players are Western Mass. natives who are familiar with the Szot Park pitch from their high school playing days.

Westfield head coach Paul Whalley also is looking forward to playing at the top-flight venue. Whalley is a 1971 graduate of Chicopee Comp, where he was a three-year soccer standout and team captain and MVP during his senior season. In addition, Whalley was the head coach at Chicopee High School from 1979-83 and led the Pacers to the 1983 state championship.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase two colleges with outstanding soccer traditions," said Whalley. "There are a lot of soccer fans in Western Mass. and this gives them an excellent opportunity to see some outstanding collegiate soccer, along with seeing many players who were stars at local high schools."

Williams College, meanwhile, features a number of talented foreign players, and is again expected to challenge for the NCAA Division III national championship. The Ephs have their three leading scorers returning from last season's squad that posted a 15-1-1 record and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals.

Noted for its strong defense, Williams outscored the opposition, 37-6, last season. The Ephs, who are ranked No. 2 in the national preseason poll, were 16-2-1 in 1998 when they advanced to the NCAA semifinals.

"Williams has probably the best Division III program in the country," said Whalley, whose Owls lost to Williams, 2-1, in both 1998 and 1999. "They have the type of players that you need to compete at the national level: big, strong, fast and highly skilled."

Westfield State also has many of its top players returning, including its top three scorers, from last season's team that posted its third straight winning campaign under Whalley. The Owls were 9-8 in 1999 with seven losses coming to highly ranked opponents, including five by a goal.

Senior forwards Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham and Andrew Lewis of Danvers rank 15th and 16th, respectively, on Westfield's all-time scoring list. Another key returnee is sophomore midfielder Chris Whalley, the coach's son, who was the Mass. State Conference Rookie of the Year in 1999.

Other local products returning are: junior keeper D.J. Conway of Springfield (Central); Tim Cranson of Montgomery (Gateway); Matt Goncalves of Ludlow; and Chicopee natives Hugo Destapado, Luke Slatton and Dave Gadouas. Junior Adam Deady, also a Chicopee native, is a transfer from Holyoke Community College.

"We have a strong group of returning players; the best in my four years here," said Whalley. "I'm also optimistic about the group of freshmen we have. They were very talented players in high school and I'm anxious to see how well they adjust to playing at the collegiate level."

Joining the Owls from last season's state championship Ludlow High School team are Jon Witowski and Jay Chelo. Andrew Thompson and Joe Calabrese were standouts at Palmer and West Springfield High Schools. In addition, freshmen Mike Cotrone, a 6-4, 230-pound midfielder/back, and forward Greg Viggiano starred at nearby Suffield, Conn., High School.

Owls Dominate Western Conn.

The Westfield State College men's soccer team exploded for three second-half goals to register a big 3-0 victory over Western Connecticut State in its season opener Sept. 6 at Alumni Field.

Freshman back Jon Witowski of Ludlow scored the game-winning goal and added an assist to lead the Owls to their second victory in 11 games vs. the New England perennial power from Danbury, Conn.

Witowski punched in a rebound from from five yards out for the game-winner at the 69-minute mark. Tallying an insurance goal eight minutes later was senior standout Karl Labadorf of Wilbrham. The goal was set up by a beautiful crossing pass from senior Chris Machado.

Sophomore Edgar Ortiz scored with 27 seconds remaining on a 30-yard blast from the right side.

The teams played on even terms the first half, but Westfield dominated the final 45 minutes when it outshot the visitors, 12-4.

Western Conn fell to 2-1 after posting shutout victories over Ithaca, 4-0, and Babson, 1-0.

Westfield State Men's Soccer Game vs. Williams College on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Szot Park in Chicopee at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a spectator Bus to the game -- first-come, first-serve, and free -- leaving in front of Scanlon Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Ride or follow the bus to the game as the Owls play one of the top teams in the NCAA Division III.

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Hey Jeds ond Jedettes, I om DJ ond I om going to be your comic editor for the year. If you would like to send in o comic, then feel free. You con put them in the Personals box or give them to us room C-248 in Ely. Enjoy...

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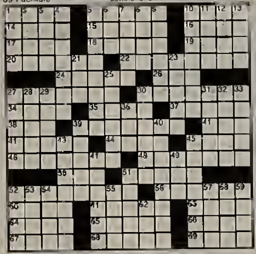

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

There Are Wolves All Around Us

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves."
— Matthew 10:16

Among the instructions Jesus gave His disciples when He sent them on their missions was a warning to beware the evils that nonbelievers and men who opposed His teachings might impose on them. "A sheep among wolves" was as apt a description then as it is today. We all are confronted daily with the wickedness that exists in life, and we are surrounded by the sinners who would entice us to do likewise. Jesus armed His disciples with the spirit of God and a belief that the message they carried to the world would protect them. We, too, have our faith in God as a refuge and the words of Jesus as a comfort when the predators who assail us become too threatening

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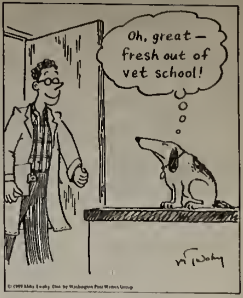
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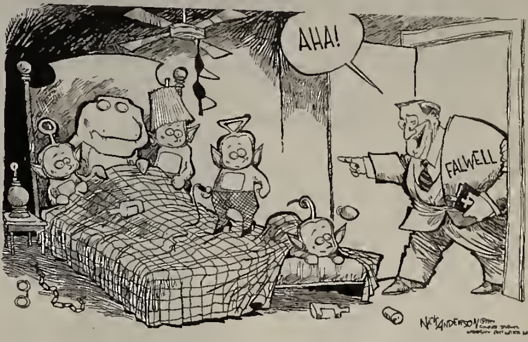

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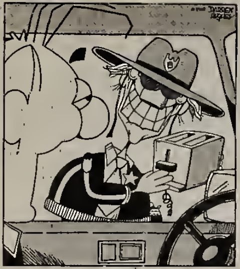

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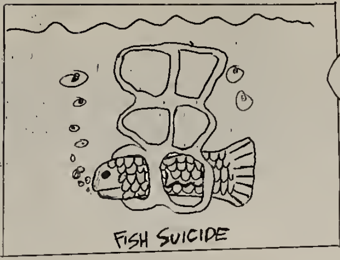

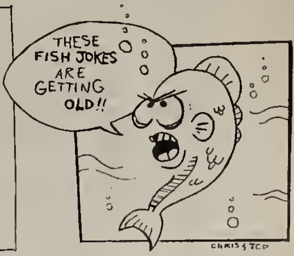
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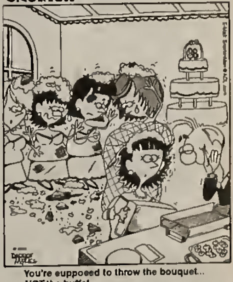

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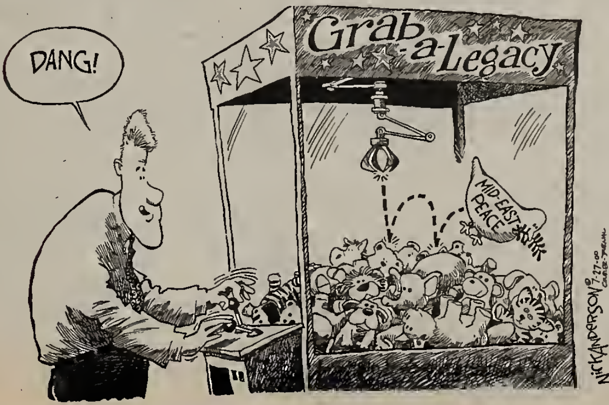

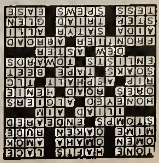

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 9/11	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Last Day of Add/Drop	Scanlon Hall
	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Martial Arts Club General Interest Meeting	Scanlon Lower Level
	4:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
Tuesday 9/12	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Work Study/Community Service Fair	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Gerneral Interest Meeting	Ely 147
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	9:00 p.m.	WSKB 89.5 General Interest Meeting	Ely Lower Lounge
	6:30 p.m.	Kappa Delta Pi	Dickinson Commons Room
Wed 9/13	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Williams College	Szot Park, Chicopee, MA
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
Thur 9/14	11:30 a.m.	Commuter BBQ	Wilson Walkway
	6:30 p.m.	Tekoa Yearbook General Interest Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Elms College	Athletic Field
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
Fri 9/15	12:00 p.m.	Club Fair	Ely Main Lounge
	3:30 p.m.	Celebrate Diversity Picnic	Campus Green
	4:30 p.m.	Trip to the Big E	Contact Service Window
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Romeo Must Die" and "American Beauty"	Channels 56&57
	10:30 p.m.	Local Music: Lloyds Hill at Tilly's Bar & Grill	Springfield, MA
Sat 9/16	10:00 a.m.	Family Day	Campus Wide
	10:00 a.m.	Shaun Heffernan presents "Photopia"	Ely Studio Theater
	10:30 a.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Smith College	Athletic Field
	11:00 a.m.	Campus Carnival	Campus Green
	1:00 p.m.	Trip to the Big E	Contact Service Window
	2:00 p.m.	Football vs. Fitchburg State	Athletic Field
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Romeo Must Die" and "American Beauty"	Channels 56&57
Sun 9/17	1:00 p.m.	Trip to the Big E	Contact Service Window
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Romeo Must Die" and "American Beauty"	Channels 56&57

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New student haven 'The Loft Project' in works

Project receives $10,750 from President Woodward

By Jackie Sturtevant
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College Students may soon have a place to go late at night on the weekends. The Loft Project is being worked on by many college officials and student who are active in planning college entertainment.

Last year Meg Canning, Class of 2002 president, presented the idea of an on-campus hangout via an editorial in The Campus Voice. Named after another school's on-campus hangout which fostered the idea, the Loft Project is now underway.

Daryl Hendery, the Executive Director of Student Affairs, Andy Johnson, Associate Campus Center Director, and Shalimar Colon, Campus Center Board of Governors, along with many others, have been working on getting this all together.

Ely hours (the home of the new Loft) have already been extended on Thursday through Saturday nights until 3 a.m. Some of the entertainment has been taken care of as well; billiard, ping pong, and bumper pool tables have been obtained for this new haven for students. Many hope it will become, as Andy Johnson said, "a place where you can go and chill."

Chris Slaughter, Assistant

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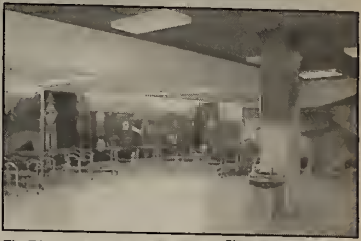

The T.W.O. will host the Loft Project. -Photo by Megan Meehan

New Internet Service at WSC

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

The Internet at Westfield State College is soon to be faster than ever according to the Computer Center at WSC. With the use of the new and larger DS3 line that the college is purchasing, the Internet will be a faster resource and will create less problems for all on-campus internet users.

"We are purchasing a bigger line, which will be faster and will make limits go away. It was supposed to be installed by the start of fall semester, but due to severe budget cuts and the Verizon-Wireless strike, things got a little behind schedule, but we're straightening it out," said Ken

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Fire on the Campus Green

-Photo by RJ Burgess III

The annual athletics Pep Rally was held on the Campus Green on September 8.

Students encouraged to register to vote

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

A voter registration drive, which will include the distribution of voter applications and the setting up of registration tables at campus events, will soon be going into full effect here at Westfield State College.

The drive is being spearheaded by the campus chapter of MassPIRG. The Student Government Association (SGA) is also participating, and the drive has been endorsed by the Executive Director of Student Affairs and the Vice President of WSC.

Eric Annarino, the new MassPIRG director on campus, said that the Mass Youth Vote 2000 is a campaign which aims to register students to vote, hold youth debates, and encourage candidates to address issues that are relevant to today's youth.

Annarino said that he has many goals that he hopes the chapter of MassPIRG on campus will achieve by Election Day in November. He said that his first goal concerns the conference that will occur on October 3 in Boston. "Our goal is to get many students from this college and other area colleges to attend the conference," he said. "This conference will give students skills training and civil activism training that will help them run this campaign."

The next step in the campaign will be a registration blitz during the week following the conference, Annarino said. "This registration blitz will occur statewide and we hope to register 10,000 young people between the ages of 18 and 30," he said.

Annarino said that he hopes that there will be local debates as Election Day nears to increase the young people's knowledge about the candidates and their interest in the election. The Youth Vote 2000 Campaign has reported that young people's involvement in politics is at an all-time low. The Campaign reports that it hopes to not only increase the interest that young people have in politics, but to make politicians increase their interest and awareness in the young generation.

> **"We hope to register 10,000 young people between the ages of 18 and 30."**
> -Eric Annarino

Annarino also said that he hopes to hold events in conjunction with other groups on campus where there will be chances for students to register to vote.

There are also plans for events on and around Election

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Owls Fall to Williams

By Brian Burke
Voice Reporter

On Wednesday, September 12th, the WSC men's soccer team faced Williams College at Szot Park in Chicopee. Prior to Wednesday night's game, the WSC men's soccer team held a record of 2-0 and was ranked number seven in New England.

Williams College was 1-0-1 and was ranked number one in New England and number two in the country. The team knew they had a tough task ahead of them on Wednesday night. In regards to practices before the big game, Desmond Richardson, a freshmen starter, said, "It was more mental preparation than physical." This seemed evident as the WSC squad warmed up to "Eye of the Tiger" and "Enter Sandman". They seemed focused and ready for the challenge.

However, when the whistle was blown it was clear that a tough mentality would not be the only factor in the game. Williams College came out quick from the start and never let up. They were faster and more aggressive. They forced D.J. Conway, junior goalkeeper, to make four saves in the first five minutes.

But, Alex Blake, Williams' sophomore forward, broke the ice with 35:55 left in the first half. Two minutes later, Desmond Richardson was down and shaken up but left the field on his own power.

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From the Editor's Desk

One of the qualities that first attracted me to Westfield State, when I was searching for colleges to apply to four years ago as a senior in high school, was that the campus was accessable. Everything I would need as an overwhelmed and confused Freshman was within walking distance. I desired to attend an institution where I would be a name, not a number. This is why I was not interested in any of the Umass colleges.

When I arrived at Westfield State, I was pleased to find out that I would never have to walk more than a few minutes to any given class, office, or to get food just across the Campus Green from Lammers Hall. After talking with other students, I soon learned that many of them that had the grades and money, unlike me, had chosen to come to WSC based on its small campus and number of students.

There have been many positive trends on campus that have resulted in a great change in the social climate of our little school. I attribute these changes to many hard working and dedicated student leaders that I have encountered over my four year tour here.

One trend that I believe is not a positive one is that of the expanding campus, which I attribute to some college officials who, hopefully with good intentions, would like to see our school progress into the new millenium as a desirable institution that many will want to attend.

This college needs a building like Westem Ave 333, but not down the road past the Commuter Lot, past the Church, past the athletic field, past some nice neighborhood, and across a giant field. Most students don't attend WSC so that they can take at least ten minute walk one way to get some financial aid questions squared away or get a copy of their transcript. And most students who wanted to wait for a bus to get to class probably would have applied to schools in the city.

For WSC to maintain its image as a small accessable school where you bump into the same faces all the time, collegeofficials will need to keep why WSC is on the map in the first place.

RJ Burgess III

-Photo by Megan Meehan

According to Ken Haar, Westfield State Students should be able to notice a quicker Internet when the new DS3 Line is installed.

Rumors about Napster, I.M., MP3.com are dispelled

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Harr, Associate Director for Academic Computing.

Harr also told The Campus Voice that the budget cut effected other areas of their service as well. "Because of the serverity of the budget cut, we also had problems being able to buy enough hubs and equipment that we needed to start the semester off," said Harr.

Student-employed worker Steve Penney said that the set-up and connection of students to the Internet this year was the fastest it has ever been. "Usually, it takes longer then it has this year to hook everyone up, this is the fastest it has ever been done," said Penney. Haar agrees. "We have never finished hook-up this fast before. We are finished with normal connections now," said Harr.

Aaron Childs, PC Technician said that the only thing they have left to do now is to help out students with computer trouble. "We are finished with basic setup and we are now only left doing trouble-shooting with students who are having problems," sad Childs.

Harr said that most students who are having trouble are having it because they haven't read the handout on how to set up for the Internet this year. "All the students have to do is read through the ResNet handout . Another key is to make sure they go to the ResNet website on the handout if they have problems, because it is being updated everyday with new information," said Haar.

The Computer Center dispelled the rumor that AOL Instant Messanger, Napster and MP3.com were being filtered from WSC's Internet service. "That is completely incorrect. We may have filtered Napster and MP3.com before but only because of the size of our network connection. Once the connection size changes soon, we won't have any problems," said Haar.

Childs said that when sites like MP3.com and Napster are accessed and used, many other things happen to the server on campus. "It causes major overpowering on the connection line. It makes the Internet slow for virtually everyone using it on-campus," said Childs.

Penney said that if students are having problems using their AOL Instant Messanger, that it is due to a set-up change and they are fixing it as they are coming around to fix other changes. "I.M. is not working on all computers due to a simple set-up change this year. We are fixing it in our daily walk-arounds," said Penney.

SGA's Weekly Meeting

School to hold discipline records for up to 7 years after graduation

By Jessica Norden

Voice Reporter

On Tuesday, September 12th,. the second Student Government Association Meeting began at 5:30. SGA President Mandy Miranda introduced two special guests, Susan Lamontagne, Director of Student Affairs and Carmella Rossamando, General Manager of WSKB, Westfield State's own radio station.

Lamontagne said "The records retention schedule, which is a new records policy in the making, would have the college hold students' discipline records for one to seven years (if record was appealed) after the student has graduated." In the past, discipline records were destroyed after the student graduated. Lamontagne also said "The process of reviewing and revising students' records would change in the near future."

Carmella Rossamando brought up the issue of needing the help and support of our fellow WSC students in the radio station, while adding that she will be the DJ at the campus carnival and at Senior Day as well.

Mandy Miranda then continued the meeting by thanking the senators for helping with the movie-in day and the campfire pep rally.

The Student Government Association made a motion to accept Sarann Ton as the multicultural representative and the motion passed.

Shalimar Colon brought up the fact that the Voter Registration deadline is October 19th and that anyone who has not yet registered should do so soon.

The Vice President of Student Life, Kendra Sands, said "The Student Conduct Board is still accepting applicants and that the Student Life meetings will resume after the hall elections."

Jennifer Brown, head of the Health Committee, updated the senators on the new hours of Health Services. She said, "The new hours are as follows: Sunday 8AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday 8AM-Midnight (12 AM), Friday 8AM-4PM, Saturday 12PM-5PM, and the physician's hours are Monday-Friday 10:30AM-1PM." She also announced that on Monday, September 11th, the blood drive collected fifty-one units of blood.

Vice President of Programming, Maggie Smith, announced the Fall Concert Fest, featuring the bands Ragtree, Lloyds Hill, and Traveling Mat.

The Club Fair was announced for Friday, September 15th on the Campus Green. The Wellness Center's hours were announced and those hours remained the same.

The meeting closed with announcements of events for the next two weeks.

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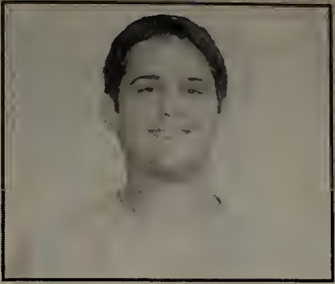

Eric Annarino

POSITION AT WSC: WSC CAMPUS ORGANIZER FOR MASSPIRG

YEARS AT WSC: NEW THIS YEAR

HOMETOWN: CHICAGO, IL

ALMA MATER: OHIO UNIVERSITY

FAMILY: ONE YOUNGER SISTER WHO IS ENTERING HER FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE

HOBBIES: READING, LISTENING TO MUSIC, ESPECIALLY JAZZ

FIRST IMPRESSION OF WSC : EVERYONE IS SO FRIENDLY

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: WISHES HE COULD SPEAK TO EVERYONE ABOUT MASSPIRG

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: GHANDI, BEACUSE HE WAS A SOCIAL LEADER IN ORGANIZING SOCIAL MOVEMENTS.

BEST DAY OF HIS LIFE: ON 4/16/00, HE PARTICIPATED IN A PROTEST AGAINST IMF AND WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF- EVIDENT THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL"

KIND OF CAR: '89 HONDA ACCORD

FAVORITE FOOD: INDIAN FOOD

FAVORITE MOVIE: INDIANA JONES: RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARC

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Youth vote 2000 receives endorsements from Hendery, Jackson, and SGA

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Day, he said. "I want to hold get-out-the vote events on the weekend before Election Day and on it," Annarino said. "On the day itself we hope to have students at polling sites to further encourage people to vote."

Annarino said that he feels this voter drive to register student voters is extremely important with such a significant election approaching. "I think that it is so important that students vote in this election because there are so many of us and we're not using all of our political power," he said. "I feel that we should all register to vote when we turn 18. We are the generation that seems to complain the most, but act the least. We need to take this opportunity to finally act."

Annarino said that MassPIRG has already received endorsements for the Youth Vote 2000 campaign from some administrators and organizations on campus. Vice President Jackson has endorsed the campaign. Jackson said that he feels very strongly towards this issue. "I think that voting is one of the most important obligations a citizen has, and with this presidential election it is an important choice that will impact the next four years," Jackson said. "I strongly encourage students to register and vote and support their candidate in the upcoming election."

Daryl Hendery, Executive Director of Student Affairs, has also endorsed the campaign, Annarino said. Hendery said that he is glad MassPIRG has decided to take this important issue on as one of their projects. "I was asked by Vice President Jackson to make sure we had a voter registration drive on campus," Hendery said. "I was ready to do it, but the student body and MassPIRG came forward and said they would take on the responsibility."

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> -VP Jackson

Annarino also reported that SGA has endorsed the campaign. Shalimar Colon, the student representative to the Board of the Trustees, said that SGA is working with MassPIRG one on one for student voter registration. She said that SGA is already doing a lot in the effort. "The state will be sending us 250 more voter applications that we hope to distribute to the students through the Commuter Council and through Res. Life and the RAs," Colon said. "We also hope to work with Commuter Council to set something up in the commuter cafeteria and Taco Bell, set up tables at the coffee houses for registration, and set up registration spots at different events where people go, such as the football games."

Colon also said that there will be absentee ballots available in SGA for those students who will not be able to go home to vote on Election Day.

Both Colon and Annarino said they plan on having registration stations set up at many events in the next month. Students who wish to register to vote now can pick up information and an application outside the Student Service window in Ely. Students with any questions about registering to vote can call 1-800-462-VOTE.

Students initiate 'Loft Project'

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Professor of English and member of the Loft Project committee, has also done a lot of work to help make the Loft a reality. He said, "It's an excellent idea to have an additional campus performance venue to give students more of an opportunity to express themselves artistically."

The President, although unavailable for comment, has shown his support for the project; Last week he presented the project with $10,750 to use toward lighting and sound equipment.

The Student Government Association (SGA) and the Weekend Planning Committee will handle lining up live entertainment.

Maggie Smith, the Vice President of programming, said, "We hope to expand the variety of programs and make students become more familiar with the showcase of WSC talent."

There are still a few problems that need to be worked out. For one, a permanent location has to be secured. The Loft will become a part of the Third World Organization Room, something Andy Johnson, advisor to the TWO, said, "will be an enhancement to the room because it will not take over the TWO." "With some new ceiling tiles and lights, everyone's life will be nicer," he said.

In addition, even with the President's generous contribution, more money is needed. It is still pending to see how much the SGA will be able to give. There's also the need to get students involved. If students don't show up, the purpose of this whole project would be defeated.

The reason it's been able to develop this far, according to Shalimar Colon, is because students took the initiative and "student leaders wanted it to happen and the president wanted to recognize it," she said. Hendery is optimistic that things will be ready by December.

The 'Buzz' on the West Nile Virus

By Patricia Berube
Special to the Voice

West Nile Virus is named after the area where it was first discovered in 1937. Since its detection in the United States, only a few people have been affected. Transmission of the virus is from the bite of an infected mosquito. Studies have shown that only one in three hundred people who are bitten by an infected mosquito would have symptoms of the virus. The virus is most predominant in late July through September. Symptoms of the virus are usually mild, transient and similar to the flu. Fatalities are extremely rare and usually sustained by immune compromise of individuals such as infants and elderly. There isn't any treatment or vaccine for this virus. Only serious complications like encephalitis can be treated. You can protect yourself by limiting outdoor activity between dusk and dawn. Wear long sleeves and long pants and use an insect repellent with the chemical DEET (less than 30%) The department of Public Health recommends a stick, lotion, or cream insect repellent. Please call our Department at x5415 if you have any questions.

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As these White guys see it, Bush is their man

By Karen DeYoung
Washington Post

DAYTON, Ohio- George Hulshult sits behind home plate at the new downtown ballpark here and tries to explain how men and women see things differently, and why George W. Bush is so popular among a certain kind of male voter.

``Gore looks like he's been babied," explained Hulshult, a 32-year-old cook who voted for Clinton in 1992, but not in 1996. ``Bush looks like someone who's been around, who's seen things. I picture Gore crying. He seems very emotional. He looks like he'd break down more often."

Although Gore is narrowly leading in the race nationally, Bush has the loyal backing of voters like Hulshult, a member of a key voting block that makes up about 40 percent of the electorate -white men.

Recent polls, including one released Thursday, show Bush holding a wide lead among white males even as he trails overall.

If you go to the ``guy" places in this Midwestern industrial city, and ask the white men you encounter why Bush is their guy, they'll give you a variety of answers.

A few raise familiar resentments about affirmative action. Many confess to knowing little about Bush the younger - he is a vague figure to them, not nearly as familiar as his father. They say they'll vote for Bush because they like the Republican platform, and also to spite a certain boomer president whose very name sends them into paroxysms of anger.

``Bill Clinton spent eight years lying to America," said Carl Lillis, 46, a retired police officer, downing a beer with buddies at a local watering hole. ``Gore spent too many years with him. He's tainted by that. You can't wash that off."

A few minutes later, Lillis and two of his buddies were off to catch the opening pitch of the minor league Dayton Dragons' last game of the regular season, against the Burlington (Iowa) Bees. An informal survey of two dozen white men around the ballpark found a breakdown in loyalties similar to those in the national polls, with a conspicuous majority backing Bush.

Tom Stodd, a 38-year-old registered Republican, gave three reasons for voting for Bush that neatly summarized the GOP candidate's appeal to white men here: ``Basically, the Republican values is what I like, that's how I vote. ... I'm ready for a change (from Clinton). ... And I respect what Bush's father did, too."

Stodd picked a winner the last time he voted, siding with Clinton over Bob Dole in 1996. Voters in Ohio's 3rd Congressional District have gone with the winner in the past five elections.

The city of Dayton has been famous as a hellwether of political trends since the 1970s, when political commentators Richard Scammon and Ben Wattenberg argued in ``The Real Majority" that national elections are won by those who conquer the center. Their typical ``middle voter" was a ``47-year-old housewife from Dayton whose husband is a machinist."

This year both Gore and Bush have visited Dayton, a gritty factory town whose fate has long been tied to the ups and downs of car companies such as GM and Chrysler.

Older and middle-aged men in Dayton have seen the world they knew as young adults fall apart and, now, come back together again. The booming national economy has brought high-tech jobs to the region and the hope that the city's aging downtown might see a renaissance.

The sense of optimism and good times here is Gore's biggest ally, strengthening his support among blue-collar men, most of whom are union members with traditional ties to Democrats.

``I've been real comfortable with Clinton," said John Wacaster, a 50-year-old printing-press operator. ``Let's face it, the country has benefited from his administration. I see my situation has improved. So I'm for the carry-over. I see all my friends, they all have work. They seem to be happy with their situation, too, even though deep down they're Republicans."

A plurality of white men has voted for Republican candidates in every election since 1980, when Ronald Reagan beat Jimmy Carter by a 2-to-1 margin, according to Los Angeles Times exit polls. Since then, only Clinton came close to narrowing the gap, winning 35 percent of the white-male vote to Dole's 41 percent.

The gender gap has become a chasm in this year's race. This week, a Reuters poll found Gore leading Bush by 21 percentage points among women, and Bush leading by 11 percentage points among men. Gore's overall lead was 6 percentage points.

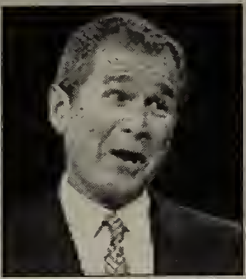
Bush was leading among all income groups of male voters, but his margin increased with the respondent's wealth. A survey by the Los Angeles Times taken before the Democratic National Convention found Gore fares best among white men from middle class and union households, although he still trailed Bush in all financial categories.

Besides questions of style and demeanor, white men here are drawn to Bush by his (and his party's) stand on a number of issues, including gun control.

``I want to keep my guns," said Michael Ernst, a 36-year-old machinist. ``If Gore gets elected, he's going to really try to take our guns away."

Still, Ernst is not completely happy with Bush either. He worries that big money has taken over polities. ``It costs $10,000 to $20,000 to actually talk to a candidate," he said, echoing the themes that Arizona Sen. John McCain made the hallmark of his presidential campaign last spring. ``It's not free speech if it costs money."

The sense that white men are losing out to the voting power of ``special-interest groups" was expressed by many at the game. Some look at Bush -whose views on ``diversity" and affirmative action are moderate by Republican standards - as the lesser of two evils.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Governor George W. Bush

``I don't think there's a party out there right now that represents the middle-class white male," Gary Tipton, 49 said.

What seemed to rile Tipton most as he discussed the election and his choices were the affirmative-action programs he says have favored women and minorities at his place of employment, the Dayton Police Department.

``You don't pass over people who've paid their dues just so we can achieve `a better reflection of society," he said in a mocking tone. ``I have nothing to do with what my forefathers did to various people. For me to be punished is unfair."

A moment later, however, he hedged his remarks a bit. ``I have five sisters-in-law, three sisters and two daughters. So I know what the glass ceiling is."

Most of the men at the game said they would vote for Bush mostly because they see in him a reflection of their own values- respect for family and personal honor, especially.

A recent Gallup survey found that, in the weeks after the Democratic convention, men by more than 2-to-1 were more likely to consider Bush a strong leader than Gore.

Why do more men see the leader in Bush but not in Gore?

``Bush is a guy's guy. He's from Texas, so he's more of a he-man, a leatherneck type," explains Matt Randall, a 22-year-old with a tattoo on his biceps. ``You think Texas, you think guns, that sort of stuff. Gore, he's sensitive. He's supposed to be for the environment. He's always talking about kids and families."

As it happens, Randall is leaning toward voting for Gore. His reservations about the Republicans' conservative social platform- ``I'm young and I tend to lean toward liberalism" -outweigh his concerns about Gore being ``wishy-washy."

And besides, Randall adds, how much can the average voter really know about the men behind the image? ``All we get is what the media tells us," he said. ``So it's kind of like stabbing in the dark."

Timorese tinderbox continues to smolder

By Richard C. Paddock
Los Angeles Times

KUPANG, Indonesia- The angry militia members carried the headless corpse of their leader through the town of Atambua, looking for revenge.

After a year of living in squalid refugee camps in the province of West Timor and surviving on handouts from the United Nations, they knew right where to go: the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

A mob of 6,000 gathered outside and screamed for the death of foreigners, any foreigners, one witness said. Militiamen with machetes and homemade guns swarmed the building, killing all three aid workers they found before setting the bodies on fire in the street.

Afterward, militia leader Joao Taveres urged the rioters to go home. ``Three is enough," he said.

The slayings Wednesday of the aid workers from Puerto Rico, Ethiopia, and Croatia shocked the world and highlighted the explosive situation here in West Timor, where violent thugs from the paramilitary groups known as militias continue to roam freely a year after they went on a deadly rampage in neighboring East Timor.

Indonesian police and military officials fear that the situation will deteriorate further in West Timor and that the province is the troubled country's next tinderbox.

Indeed, the ongoing violence threatens to destabilize all of Indonesia, where the first elected president, Abdurrahman Wahid, is widely perceived as erratic and weak and the military remains a potent political force.

Reports of conflict between militia members and local residents in West Timor have already begun coming in from inland villages: two farmers killed Wednesday in the hamlet of Wanibesak; five villagers slain Thursday in Haekesak; six more killed there Friday. On Saturday, there were unconfirmed reports of at least 20 other deaths.

``We now face the risk of confrontation between the refugees and the local people," said Col. Jurefar, head of the West Timor military district. (Like many Indonesians, Jurefar goes by only one name.) Wahid, who was in New York for the U.N. Millennium Summit when the killings in Atambua occurred, told reporters there that the timing of the attack was carefully chosen.

``The purpose was to humiliate me," he said.

In the 48 hours after the killings, the United Nations evacuated its staff from the province, halting the distribution of food supplies to the nearly 127,000 East Timorese refugees who live in more than a dozen camps in the border region.

`We are faced with a new problem- where are the refugees going to get food?" said West Timor Police Chief John Lalo in Kupang, the provincial capital.

``These people will most likely turn to theft, and they will most likely start stealing from their neighbors. We desperately need the continuing help of the international community."

The death of the three U.N. workers is an echo of the violence that erupted last year in East Timor after the province voted in a U.N.-sponsored election to secede from Indonesia.

In advance of the election, the Indonesian army organized the militia groups for the stated purpose of helping to maintain order during the election. The militia members, however, were recruited from East Timor's criminal element, and their real job was to intimidate the electorate into voting against independence. The army, which had long operated profitable enterprises in East Timor, strongly opposed secession.

When the people of East Timor voted to break away from Indonesia, the militia members ran amok, killing at least 600 people, destroying large numbers of buildings and forcing more than 250,000 refugees to flee to West Timor.

The United Nations sent in Australian peacekeeping troops, and the militias withdrew across the border into West Timor, where they moved into the camps set up for the refugees. Operating with impunity, the militiamen used brutality and intimidation to dominate camp life. Even now, they prevent many refugees from returning home.

Some militia groups are widely believed to retain their covert ties to the Indonesian military. Few have been held accountable for their actions.

Under pressure from the United Nations to prosecute those responsible for the atrocities in East Timor, Wahid's government announced Sept. 1 that 19 army officers and militia leaders would be put on trial for human rights violations.

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

Wazzup Westfield?! Shiprek done got a column, how cool is that? I'm a junior this year somehow, and still majoring in English/Sec. Ed, minoring in Polisci. But enough about me, it's fall again at WSC. The smell of fresh Abercrombie is in the air, and the Ticketmaster is zealously pursuing sexual gratification in a flurry of neon orange.

I'm going to sum up four years of college for you, any major (except maybe CJ). Ready? Repeat after me... "why?" Now try it again. Doesn't that feel good? Repeat it loudly and often throughout the rest of your life but not because I said so, that would be, of course, antithetical to the purpose. Popular variations include "How come?" and "That's f***ed up like a soup sandwich!" College is all about learning the skill of critical thinking. Once it's been mastered I suppose you could drop out, but you'd miss some real ragers that way.

First of all, I like Westfield State. It's as good a school as any and better than quite a few. This being a fairly small campus, it's not that hard to become a force for change or get people to notice when something is wrong. As a matter of fact, some find it amusing. All in all, however, I genuinely feel that there is no problem so great that we cannot- as a college and as a nation- collectively roll up our shirtsleeves and completely ignore. The basic purpose of The Cut this year will be to point out absurdity whenever I happen to notice it so that it can be properly examined and, maybe, we can laugh a little bit before I go check out whatever else is simply ridiculous. The plan is to cut through the BS, dig? Let's get to it, sunshine.

Regardless of the "buzz" and the party line that your parents were fed, this is a total suitcase campus. Tumbleweeds blow through the quad come Friday afternoon. The good news, however, is that those of us who stay are generally the fun ones.

I was in Stop and Shop today and I noticed that the pet food was stocked in the same aisle as the dry cereal. As long as there's no apparent logic to this system anyway, why not stock the dog food in the same aisle as the Depends undergarments? Those who don't chuckle may actually appreciate it.

Speaking of the party line, do me a favor and call the dorms "dorms", alright? The term "Residence Halls" has four times as many syllables, and why go to all of that trouble for nothing? "Residence Hall sounds nicer." Fine, but does it actually MAKE them nicer? No. Here we've uncovered another fine example of style over substance.

Why is it, as long as I'm on THAT subject, that the Language Gestapo keeps complicating things? I had always thought that simplification was the purported aim of Newspeak. For example, "Indians" are now "Native Americans" (twice as long). "Crippled" went through several revisions before settling on "physically challenged" (2.1 times longer). Additionally, some perfectly useful, descriptive terms are simply unacceptable and their replacement terms are either weak or nonexistent altogether. Words like "fat" for example... "heavy" is the nearest Newspeak approximation. Automobiles are heavy, people are just fat. That isn't a slam, it's a description.

Listen, I only write what the Buddha on my desk tells me to, and Buddha says that I'll go into the watering down of our national language in a future "Cut."

FREE BEER!

Sorry, I noticed a few of you drifting. Try to catch a few hours of sleep after the next walk of shame, alright? You can tell your roommate about last night after class.

A little more about me... I'm a full-blown ADHD boy and perhaps my writing style reflects that. Ritalin goes down real easy with gin, by the way. There is an upside to my style, however chaotic it may be. Perhaps you picked this paper up from the floor of the bathroom stall. Perhaps you have only five minutes or so to read before you're on your way. No problem, man, you can get away with reading only a paragraph or two of this column, get the flavor, and off you go.

On a bit more serious note, a lot has changed here over the summer but one thing that hasn't changed is that our faculty STILL has no settlement in their contract dispute with Higher Ed. This affects us negatively on several levels, not to mention the fact that is just plain isn't fair. I'll discuss this more fully next time but for now what you can do is get in touch with Tasha Reno (x7911). She's the head of the Faculty/Student Alliance (FSA), which was formed due to a perceived failure on the part of our Student Government Association last year to take a more active role in addressing this issue on behalf of the student body. On that note, I have every confidence that Mandy Miranda and this year's exec. board will step up to the plate and lead our SGA out of the basement of Ely.

So I'm on the phone with AT&T last night (new subject again, let's keep up, sunshine). After 20 minutes on hold I finally get an operator... oh, sorry, a "customer care professional" (twice as long)... and she tells me that it'll be like seventeen bucks a month. No problem. Then she tells me that there's an installation fee of $35. Installation fee? I asked her exactly what it was that they needed to install. She told me that it was a one-time fee for activation, to which I responded that "apparently I've been activated at this point, otherwise how would we be talking?" I was wasting my time, I know, and I swear that I wasn't too much of a jerk to this poor woman. It's just that $35 for essentially NOTHING AT ALL doesn't go down all that easily, man. Oh, they "installed" something, alright!

Quick math tells me that AT&T (or Verizon, formerly MediaOne,-or whoever) is guaranteed roughly $33,250 in "installation fees" yearly from us, the student body ($35 x 950 dorm rooms). That doesn't even include changes during the year such as during winter break. Hey, do me a favor. Send an Email to Dr. Arthur Jackson, Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, and ask him if we can't get some kind of group discount... or at least a better one. Cable waives installation, why can't the phone? As long as we're paying for nothing, perhaps we could get a better deal on it. That's ajackson@wisdom.wsc. ma.edu

In fairness, a call to Verizonformerlymediaone indicated that we do have a special account set up and that we end up saving a buck or two on installation and on the monthly bill over private residences. Private residences, however, don't start and stop their service guaranteeing thirty-three grand yearly. For nothing. Can't we do better?

Buddha says it's time to split but hey, do me one more favor the next time you go buy something at the campus bookstore. Reach into your bag, grab the direct-marketing crap, hand it to the cashier (financial transaction specialist?) and ask them to throw it away for you. Don't even leave the store with it. You guys know that stuff typically offers you a little something now- in bold graphics and edgy colors because they're hip-and takes you for way more later.

Over 20% of college students nationwide have credit card and other non-education related debt in excess of $10,000 and I don't feel that our campus bookstore should be contributing to the problem. Do you? I'll leave you now with this thought: Shippy say the only thing worse, in terms of attitude, than a butt-ugly girl who thinks that she's all that is a girl who IS all that and knows it. Jeez, I can already feel the cold stares for that one... eyeballing me like a virgin at an Aztec sacrifice... but if I weren't King of the Inappropriate then I wouldn't be Shiprek. Peace and Balance.

Chris Ward is a Voice Columnist

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Hi there. I'm Jon, and apparently you've chosen to read my column. Thanks. However, I'm going to have to level with you. I'm really not sure what to write about. You see, I have a whole mess of thoughts and ideas running around in my head. Some of these are logical and coherent. Others are not. The thing is, I usually share these thoughts with people that I know, and those that know me. But I'm willing to bet that most of you reading this don't know me well at all. The obvious solution here would be to tell you the story of my life. But, I'd kind of like to retain at least a couple of readers, so instead I'll give you the abbreviated version:

My name's Jonathan Bailey Sewell. I was born on August 18th, 1978 (man, I'm getting old...). I grew up in Holden, right near Worcester (aka Wooostah). Now I live near the Amish in Pennsylvania (which is fun, because I get to see things like a buggy rolling down the street, with DMX blasting from a boom box). I'm currently a psychology major. And, with any luck, I'll graduate by 2008 or so. I like sports. I have a beautiful 17-month-old niece named Autumn Sarah. I dig all sorts of music, and rock and roll in particular. I have no car. Or, for that matter, money. I'm an RA in Davis Hall, and was a New Student Orientation Leader this summer. And that's about it. See that? Now we're friends. On with my column...

Over the next several weeks, my column will cover a wide range of subjects. Some will deal with campus issues. I'll discuss the pros and cons, for instance, of arming Public Safety. Others will focus on national or global concerns. And every so often, I might just spill forth some thoughts on what I think it means to be a guy these days (Yeah, I know. That sounds terribly silly and obnoxious... but then, I'm terribly silly and obnoxious, so it kind of works out). These columns may take on a serious tone. Maybe they'll make you think. Others will be more humorous. Perhaps you'll have yourself a chuckle (though whether you'll be laughing at my witty lines of reasoning, or just laughing at me remains to be seen). You may agree with me, or you may disagree. I may even contradict myself from week to week. The point is, I have no concrete theme going here. Just my thoughts. On life, on relationships, on people, and on...well, stuff.

So why did I ask for this column? Well, for several reasons. First, I've always had a great deal of respect for the writers and editors of this paper, and the staff this year looks great. The students who work on this paper are some of the most dedicated individuals on this campus, and I encourage all new students, and returners, for that matter, to get to know them.

The second reason is that I have a lot to say about a great many things. Because frankly, as much as I like people, I just don't understand a lot of what they do. I don't understand why, last semester, people felt the need to piss on the bathroom and hallway walls on a daily basis. I can't understand why I regularly hear guys in the gym publicly boasting of their chance sexual conquests from the weekend before. I'm particularly confounded when the woman is described as "some chick (or even better, chicks) from the 3rd floor." .I'm sorry, maybe I'm old fashioned. I don't get it. Why is it that I hear students whine about the state funded college upholding state laws regarding alcohol and drugs, yet few care that our professors are without contracts? And could somebody please explain to me why Dave Matthews and Abercrombie so often go hand in hand!?

These are all topics that I hope to address. I realize that I'm probably coming off as pretty haughty right about now. So again, let me make this clear. I'm not putting forth any complex philosophies or systems here. I'm not going to tell anyone how to live their lives. Am I living my life the "right way?" Probably not. I just want to present to you my weekly observations, little snippets from my life, tiny examples of my thoughts and values. Whether you choose to accept them, ignore them, laugh at them or adopt them is up to you.

Finally, I want to use this column as a sort of release. There is so much potential for this campus to be even better than it is, yet every day I see some sort of behavior that confuses, troubles, or disgusts me. Sure, I can rant to my friends about it that night, but I somehow feel that this is a more constructive form of letting loose. Still, there's a chance that I may write in a momentary flash of anger, frustration, disgust or pain. Therefore, I'm bound to offend at least a couple of people along the way. I wish to apologize for this in advance. But please, let me know what you think. Feel free to write a response to the Campus Voice regarding anything that I may say that offends or confuses you. Or, just talk to me in person. I'm not too hard to find. Stop by and let me know your thoughts on these matters.

Wow, it's 3:30 in the morning, and this is way longer than I had intended. If you're still reading, thanks again. In any event, I'd like to welcome the class of 2004 to Westfield State College, and say welcome back to any returners. I hope that you all check back each week and give me a few minutes to share with you my random thoughts. See ya.

"If I had a scheme for everything, it seems I'd be more content with it all. If I had it in me, to stop my random thoughts and my dumb dreams, I could deal with this non-stop spinning world" - Less Than Jake

Jon Sewell is a Voice Columnist

Behind the Shades

DAN WALSH

So here it is, another year and we find ourselves right back where we started. Trying to figure out how to fit 2 computers, an entertainment system, and a couch into what the college considers a living space.

I'm sure you've all been walking around and seen someone who you recognize, but aren't really sure who they are. And then there is that initial shock of Sodexho food again before your stomach can build up a resistance to it. I don't know about anyone else, but I can't wait for chicken patty days again.

Anyway, classes are underway and I soon remember why it was so hard to get up for that first class of the day. The only thing that really helps is seeing that freshman walking around trying to figure out exactly what is going on around here. Sorry freshman, didn't mean to pick on you. Don't worry, next year you can remember back to when it was a pain in the ass to stop every 2 minutes to ask directions.

Anyway, time is short, got to get in line for add/drop, find a few friends and plan the first party of the year. I wish everyone a better academic year than I had last year.

D. Walsh is a Voice Columnist

Careless Thoughts

CARRIE JANIK

So after a three-month vacation from Westfield State College, we are all back and beginning the semester. All of our books are bought, our pencils are sharpened and everyone's expectations and intentions are positive and hopeful. "I am not going to leave that paper until the last minute." "I will read a page of American Literature a night." "I will not spend all night cramming for that exam like last year."

Procrastinators of all kinds are making these promises to themselves and others. I know this because I am one. I have finished research papers five minutes before they were due and I have used the line "I work better under pressure" more times than I can count. I have even taken a self-help book for procrastinators out from the library to fix this awful flaw. (I have yet to return it, not to mention the fact I haven't even opened it.) None the less, I, like every other procrastinator have made a vow to myself that this semester will be different.

So I would like to take this time to wish all my kind luck in this up hill battle we have begun. I hope that we will stick to our guns and say no to that "just one drink" or promising ourselves that we will wake up early and do our reading. It didn't work last semester and it probably won't this semester. However, even as I am writing this I know I will see you all, not at the library, but at Davio's telling me you really are leaving after that drink.

This is my first time writing a column for a newspaper, although anyone who knows me would tell you it isn't my first time giving my little look on life. I try to keep a positive and humorous outlook and I hope that this column will help others with that too. I am a firm believer that laughter is the best medicine, so hopefully you can look to me each week for a chuckle or a smile.

C. Janik is a Voice Columnist

Kate's Rants

KATHERINE GOMES

"College is what you make of it." In high school you had to make do with what you were dealt, but here you are the dealer. You control your own destiny. The rules are different. Your life before college doesn't matter to anyone.

How is a freshman to adapt into this new environment gracefully? Meeting all the new people, experiencing the culture shock, having to cope with the tremendous workload, and being so far away from home can be overwhelming for a lot of first year students. Everything they know is miles away from them and they're aliens in a new world.

Freshmen don't know what to do with themselves. They sit around bored and drive themselves crazy. Once upon a time they had cars and close friends. Now they socialize with strangers and wander the halls of dorms aimlessly for fun. They don't give themselves enough to do and then they end up with nothing to do but think about how much they miss their lives back home. They feel alone without a friend for miles. They don't even know how to ask for help, never mind whom they should be asking.

Upperclassmen should adopt us freshmen. I think we'd make cute pets. For those of you that live on campus we could fill the void that not being allowed to have a kitten or puppy makes. You don't have to clean up after us and we're trainable. Teach us new tricks. We're eager to learn.

K. Gomes is a Voice Columnist

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

Greetings Westfield State students and faculty! I would like to use my first column to introduce myself. I'm a sophomore, majoring in political science. I've lived my whole life in Ashland, MA, a small, boring town next to Framingham. I have one older brother.

I chose Westfield, because of the tutoring program, and I wanted to be far away from home! I don't mean to be negative, but I must say that I have been quite disappointed by the lack of social opportunities on this campus and hope that through Student Government, I can help to make a difference. Coming from a quiet town like Ashland made me hope, even more, that there would be plenty to do in college.

As a political science major, the most important two words I would say to anyone reading this are, "Please Vote!" Millions of men and women have sacrificed their very lives for this right. More and more people immigrate to the US, legally and illegally, everyday, because of its democratic system. The majority of voters today, are elderly people. What will happen when they are no longer with us?

Personally, I would vote for Al Gore, because he has spent seven years working for an administration that has helped create more jobs and better health care. He has not resorted to the negative campaigning of Mr. Bush. Bush's repetitions of, "They have not led, we will," are just one example of his mindset.

Gore has also shown leadership, as a Senator, on environmental issues. As a member of MassPIRG, I fully support this. We only have one Earth! This election year will determine how our country begins the 21st century. This opportunity only comes once a century. Therefore, it is even more important that as many people as possible exercise their right and their duty to vote.

K. Heaton is a Voice Columnist

Last year with the hockey club

After starting the season with a 1-8 record, the 1999-2000 Owls finished the season with a 5-6-1 record. Entering the program's 3rd season, improvement and "rebuilding" were the focus. The season started off with two junior games. One loss was to the talented Springfield Jr. Pics, and another loss to the Boston Jr. Blackhawks 3-2, where the Owls relinquished a 2-0 lead. Next game, the team bounced back and beat Bridgewater State 4-3, on the road.

The next five games were the most demanding stretch of the season. It began with a tough loss to Nichols College, where the Owls put up over 50 shots. Another hard road loss to the University of Rhode Island, and then a home loss to Neumann College 6-3. Two more home losses followed, one to the UNH Club team, and another to Suffolk University, both games the Owls were unable to hold the lead. The second half of the seasons started with a road win at the Boston Blackhawks, 8-5. The next game saw Westfield out-shoot Nichols College once again, and come up short, loosing 5-7. The Owls then traveled to Salve Regina, where the team lost the leading scorer, Chris Bousquet, with a knee injury, and were playing without forwards Mike Lucenta, Jeff Bowes, and starting goaltender Greg Pavao. Losing 3-4 at the beginning of the 3rd period, the Owls ran out of gas, going on to lose 3-9. The following weekend, Westfield played the talented CT Wolves.

Then they went on to defeat Springfield College the following night, at home, 5-2. Curry College was the next opponent. In one of the best played games of the year, Westfield fell to Curry 2-5. The next day, the Owls gave one away to the Quincy Rangers. After trailing 2-0, Westfield came back to take the lead 3-2 late in the game. With seconds to go, Quincy scored the tying goal after pulling their goalie. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

Westfield finished the season going 3-3. After a disappointing loss to Central CT State, the Owls went onto win their next three games, outscoring their opponents 23-7. Included in that three game winning streak was a big win at home against Bates College, in one of the best games of the year. The squad then finished up the season by beating Southern CT State 10-0, and then losing to a much-improved Quincy Ranger team.

The 1999-2000 Westfield State Hockey Team, proved to a lot of people to be a worthy opponent. This past season was a good preview for when it re-enters the ECAC. The Owls were extremely competitive in every game they played. The team got major contributions from certain players. Captain Matt Fontaine, once again led the team in scoring with 25 points in 21 games. The team also got big seasons from junior Mike Fitzgerald (19 pts.), sophomore Peter Hayes (19 pts.), and senior Ralph Studley (18 pts.). After starting the season on defense, Studley proved to be a major contributor to the offense, scoring a team high 12 goals. Junior transfer Jeff Kazuynas, who joined the team at the break, led the team in scoring in the second half, and also led the team in power play goals with 8. Lastly, senior defenseman Brian Huggon led the Owl defense. Brian led the defense with a +4 rating and 13 points. His presence back on the blue line will be missed. Sophomore Brian Donnely, was also a major contributor on the blue line, along with Matt Merriam and T.J. Gillespie.

Seniors Steve Mortarelli, Brian Huggon and Mike Lucenta will join Coach Ward for the first half of next season before graduating. Both players put in solid contributions. Lucenta provided speed and depth at center ice, along with penalty killing. Mortarelli logged major minutes back on defense for the Owls. Also graduating will be senior Jeff Bowes, who made solid contributions. Also looking to return next season are juniors Matt Goodwin and Jason Dunner. Freshmen Matt Welch and Ryan Hilsdon will be looking to make solid contributions for next season.

Westfield State will be playing a "beefed up" schedule next season. With new opponents such as Assumption College, Stonehill, WNEC, Framingham State, Johnson and Wales, and Plymouth State, the 2000-2001 team will be facing a big challenge. A strong recruiting class will help the Owls prepare for the "next level". The 2000-2001 season will also be the first in the new $4 million plus Amelia Park Skating Rink.

-Coach Brian Ward

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Ragtree expects first recording to be ready soon

By Beth Lanove
Voice Reporter

Campus band Ragtree is hard at work on their first recording despite the distance between some members who do not attend Westfield State College.

The acoustic rock band features Grant Patte, a Resident Assistant in Courtney Hall and is the main vocalist and lyricist. Brothers Mike Liberty, on drums, and Rich Liberty, who plays bass and is a massage therapist, both live in Webster, MA.

Joe Campagne is the fourth member and is a Sophmore at WSC. He first heard the band when he came to Orientation and was so impressed that he approached the band afterwards. He was soon the second guitarist in Ragtree.

The band began working on the recording this summer. Grant said the band went to an old barn to find good acoustics. They intend to make the recording into a CD with six songs.

Most of their work as a band happens in the summer since they are all from the same area of Massachussetts, where Patte and Liberty formed the band in 1995 at a Youth Camp.

"It's difficult to practice now with them (the Liberty Brothers) working full time back home," Patte said, "but during the summer we live very close."

Despite the distance between them now, the band is still optimistic about finishing the recording they started this summer.

"The CD is expected to be finished somewhere within the next month or so, but we're making no promises," Patte said.

Ragtree recorded over the summer in a barn. -File Photo

The band said that they were at the mixing and mastering stage of the production and that all the actual recording had been done with the exception of some vocals. The band said that they did all their own recording, which they said was a learning experience in itself.

Patte said that one thing the band needs to make sure it's doing is incorporating the ideas of all the members. "It's like painting a picture with four artists" Patte said.

The band has played many shows throughout its five year career including approximately 20 shows ranging from Bridgewater State College to Lucky Dog in Worcester.

The band has also played numerous times on campus and plans on playing the upcoming Fall Concert Fest that is being sponsered by the campus activities board. The Concert Fest will be held on the campus green during the day on Saturday, September 23 with anticipated bands Traveling Mat and Lloyds Hill according to Maggie Smith, Vice President of Programming.

A Look Into Music News

By Jed Dion
A&E Editor

2gether, the fake boy band created for an MTV TV-movie, has outsold 'NSYNC on the singles chart for two weeks running. The group's "The Hardest Part Of Breaking Up (Is Getting Back Your Stuff)" has topped 'NSYNC's "It's Gonna Be Me" by about 10,000 units over the past two weeks.

Rage Against The Machine bassist Tim C. was released on Friday after spending the night in jail for commandeering a set piece and clashing with security at the 2000 MTV Video Music Awards Thursday night. The bassist shimmied up a 15-foot-high arc while Limp Bizkit was accepting the award for Best Rock Video. A small army of stagehands attempted to steady the structure as the bassist rocked it back and forth.

TLC's Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes has been missing for a week, but the group's spokespeople are confident that the singer will turn up safe. The "New York Post" said Lopes was last seen on August 31, and that friends and family were beginning to worry.

After making fans wait four years between Filter's 1995 debut, "Short Bus," and their next offering, 1999's "Title Of Record," Filter is vowing that their next album is right around the corner. According to Richard Patrick, Filter's front-man, the band's studio work has already yielded "two almost completed songs, three works in progress, with many new ideas coming weekly." As the new album begins to take shape it seems to be filled with songs that may provide a bit of a jolt to fans of the band's recent album, as the new record is much harder.

Tori Amos has given birth to a baby girl. The baby was born on September 5. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 21 inches.

On Wednesday, the Universal Music Group was awarded $25,000 in damages per copyright violation after U.S. District Court Judge Jed S. Rakoff ruled that MP3.com willfully infringed its copyrights. With each violation representing one UMG CD allegedly copied and stored in the My.MP3.com database, the total penalty could total as much as $250 million, according to The Associated Press.

Backstreet Boy Howie Dorough will mark the second anniversary of his sister Caroline's death with two benefit shows in her memory. Howie will perform in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on September 13 and Buenos Aires, Argentina, on September 15 to benefit the Caroline Dorough-Cochran Lupus Foundation. In other Backstreet Boys news, Brian Littrell tied the knot with girlfriend Leighanne Wallace during a traditional candlelit ceremony held at the Peachtree Christian Church in Atlanta on Saturday, September 2nd.

With Napster heading to its appeals court battle with the record industry in October, a new study reports that it is becoming increasingly difficult for college and university students to access Napster's MP3-swapping service. Those schools, which have banned Napster include New York University, Notre Dame, and Rice University.

311 filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court against its label, Capricorn Records, in hopes of terminating its contract. The band claimed that the label breached its contract agreement by failing to provide proper and professional marketing, promotion, and support for the group's most recent albums. 311 claimed that when it signed with Capricorn in 1992, the label was bought by Warner Brothers Records, which distributed Capricorn as part of a joint venture partnership. However, 311's camp claimed that since that time, Capricorn has bounced between three different record label partnerships and four different record distributors creating an unstable atmosphere which has been the devastation of 311's career.

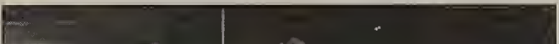
The Paul Chase Trio takes over Tuesday Night Jazz

By Brooke Popielarz
Voice Reporter

What used to be the John Berman Quartet is now known as the Paul Chase Trio, and they are now playing WSC's Tuesday Night Jazz. This event takes place every Tuesday night in the Ely Campus Center Lounge from 7pm to 9pm.

Paul Chase is the bass player who is taking a semester off and is going to UMASS-Amherst in the Spring. Paul teaches bass privately, and at Performance Music in Westfield. He also plays the mandolin and guitar. He has previous experience playing gigs at Fat Cat, Theodore's and Northside.

Clark Seibold is the drummer. Clark is in many musical groups such as the Amherst Jazz Orchestra, Ron Freshly Quartet, and the Jon Clark Quartet. He graduated from WSC last year as a music major. He also plays the piano and holds beginner piano classes.


The Paul Chase Trio will perform every Tuesday in the Campus Center -Photo by Meg Farrell

Aaron Dean is an alto saxophone player who graduated from WSC in 1998. He currently teaches music at Hoosac Valley High School. He gives lessons at Performance Music for clarinet, saxophone, and flute. His experience playing gigs includes performances at Pizzeria Uno in Springfield, MA, KeyWest Bar, and Fat Cat.

The Trio is hoping to further their style of playing to be more progressive hard bop.

Ben Kohn, a WSC Alumni said, "They are a very cohesive group. There's no comping leaving more harmonic freedom."

Kay Saltmarsh, Sr. said that if she liked jazz, she would have been up there dancing. "The music drowns out a conversation occasionally, but they're very talented, and it's good to listen to," says senior Jeff Carter.

Keith Gauvin, who is a sophomore here at WSC, thinks that the jazz sounds good when it is live.

Eric Annarino, the campus organizer for Mass Pirg, said it was a nice break from his work. He suggested, though, that more flyers should be distributed so that students know about the event.

Come and enjoy live jazz with the Paul Chase Trio, every Tuesday at 7 o'clock in the Ely Lounge.

Jeff's Cinema Scoop

JEFF CARTER

Greetings movie lovers, welcome to the first installment of Jeff's Cinema Scoop. Each and every week I'll be bringing you all the latest information on the hottest Hollywood projects heading towards the silver screen in the near future. I'll fill you in on all the wild rumors and gossip about stars, sequels, budgets, who's been cast in what roles, what director is attached to the project, who's writing the screenplay, and loads more. If you have a love and an appreciation for cinema and devour films like I do, this column should be right up your alley. If you have any comments or suggestions please feel free to drop me a line at Jeffcart23@aol.com.

I thought I'd kick off the column by giving you the skinny on one of the most highly anticipated movies of all-time, Spider-Man. That's right true believers, your friendly neighborhood wall-crawler will finally be swinging his way into a Cineplex near you in November 2001. After the rights to the film spent several years tied up in legal red tape, they were finally released to Sony pictures several months ago and the project was immediately green-lighted into production with a screenplay by Stir of Echoes writer David Koepp.

Sam Raimi, the director responsible for the cult favorite Evil Dead III: Army of Darkness, and other hit films such as For the Love of the Game and A Simple Plan, will get behind the camera when shooting on the film begins next month. The huge news about this picture broke several weeks ago when Sony announced the actor who would be donning the familiar red and blue webbed tights, bringing to life a heroic icon worshipped by millions of children around the world: Tobey Maguire.

The young star of Pleasantville, The Ice Storm, and Cider House Rules has garnered very positive buzz from fans of the comic series, and should do a fantastic job of bringing the nerdy Peter Parker to life on the big screen. So far, little is known of the story other than it will chronicle the origin of Spider-Man, as young Peter Parker gets bitten by a radioactive spider, gaining amazing powers that allow him to shoot webbing, stick to walls, and lift enormous amounts of weight. It's a sure bet that comic-book mainstays like Aunt May, J. Jonah Jameson, and Mary Jane Watson will be popping up in the movie.

Spider-man's foe in the movie is going to be his arch-nemesis from the comics as well: the sinister, glider riding Green Goblin. No actor has been cast in this role yet, but its rumored that Sam Raimi is looking at John Malkovich, Liam Neeson, and Kevin Spacey.

Spider-Man is shaping up to be an outstanding project with a solid cast, A-list director, and an enormous budget. With the $54.7 million opening weekend of X-Men last summer, the sky is the limit for Spider-man and future comic book films, and there will be plenty of them hitting theaters soon. Marvel Comics has several of its properties currently in development such as Ghost Rider (with Johnny Depp attached), Blade 2, Daredevil, Fantastic Four, and the Incredible Hulk. Look for them hitting your cinema all within the next five years!

That's it for this week. Next week I'll be separating the fact from the fiction concerning 2002's biggest movie, Star Wars: Episode II. See you next week!

Jeff Carter is a Voice Columnist

A Message to Seniors

Let us start off by saying that we hope everyone has been able to get back into the swing of things and is doing well. We are writing this message to all seniors in order to inform you all of events that are fast approaching and involve all of us.

On Thursday, September 21st at 5pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall, Senior Convocation will be held. This event is designed to formally recognize you as seniors. This is a semi-formal event at which Professor Sossaman of the English department will be the keynote speaker. A free dinner and an extra chance to win a gift certificate to Erin World Travel also makes this an event worth attending.

On Friday evening from 5-8pm, the Class of 2001 will be holding Senior Night on Ely Hill. The Erin World Travel gift certificate will be given away at the event. There will be free food and $1 drafts for those of age. DJ Carmella is providing the entertainment for the evening. If you are interested in the event, tickets are available for $2 each at the Teller window or by calling Jocelyn at #7884 or Mandi at #7871.

We hope to see you there, The officers of the Class of 2001

Straight from the Source

WES JACKSON

What's up WSC? It's Wes back to bring you another year of the latest news in hip-hop, "Straight From the Source". This summer was a nice vacation for all of us to mature and to reflect on the past, but most importantly it gave everyone a chance to cop some new albums that came out like: Eminem, Lil' Kim, The Ruff Ryders Volume 2, and the posthumous albums from Big Pun and Big L (RIP to both), as well as other albums from others in the hip hop world. It's time to give you the latest news in hip-hop.

I have to start this by clearing all the rumors that has surfaced after the brawl at the original taping of the Source awards. Any rumor that you heard just forget about it as if it was never told to you. Now that your mind is completely clear of all that trash that you heard, I will tell you the honest truth and you know that I will not lie to you, at least when it comes to hip-hop, so here is the real story.

The ruckus all started when E-40 got into it with a rapper that he put on a few years back named Mack Minister, who incidentally got a colorful whooping after stepping to E-40. The best quote to sum up the fight was made by Urbanexpose.com when they said that the "one mitigating factor is that the fight broke out just in time to prevent the Almighty RSO/Made Men from receiving their yearly best new artist award". Remember Made Men almost ended the Cash Money/Ruff Ryders tour when it came to Boston a few months back. So if you hear anymore rumors about the fight, then just show them this and tell them this is the truth.

This summer has been filled with some controversy, but also had some romance as well. TLC's T-Boz and rapper Mack 10 finally tied the knot. They were married outside of Los Angeles in a ceremony that saw R&B crooner Gerald Levert serenade T-Boz as she walked down the aisle. The two became a couple during the filming of TLC's "Unpretty" video. Mack 10 made his feelings known to T-Boz on the set of the video. She also expressed the same interest and that's how the couple was formed. Business was mixed with pleasure when T-Boz appeared in Mack 10's video "Tight To Def".

Also the summer romance bug hit when Common and Erykah Badu moved in together to take their relationship to another step. The final summer romance matched a new couple together, as Jay-Z seems to be settling down with a woman finally. All summer he and this new woman have been seen at all different venues displaying a lot of PDA (Public Displays of Affection). Who is this mysterious woman you are wondering? Well it is none other than Aaliyah. The JiggaMan and Aaliyah have been together almost all summer.

Well if you haven't already heard, Eminem has filed for divorce with his wife Kim Mathers after the couple separated in June. On August 21st, Eminem reached an undisclosed settlement on the $10 million lawsuit filed by Kim Mathers, in which Eminem agreed to give her physical custody of their child. Kim Mathers is also seeking a share of the couple's joint marital estate and an additional $10 million for the intentional infliction of emotional distress. Despite all the legal trouble that Eminem faced this summer, he is still being courted by Hollywood executives for a new thriller alongside Denzel Washington. The role in the movie has Eminem playing a villain and Washington as a Los Angeles cop who is breaking in a rookie narcotics officer. The director will be Antoine Fuqua, director of "The Replacement Killers." The shooting for this flick should be starting next spring. STAY TUNED!!

ATTENTION ALL HIP-HOP FANS: Make sure to save money for November 21st. This marks the return of the Wu. Yes, fellow Wu fans, Wu Tang Clan is coming back with their third album as a group officially titled, "The W." The first single to be released will be "Protect Ya Neck (The Jump Off)" and should be released in late September. The video for this single will be shot in a secret LA location from September 12th through the 14th along with the second planned single "Gravel Pit". Now hip-hop fans you need to ask yourself will this album be the classic that Ghostface's was or another "Immobilarity"? Curiously enough the Clan actually is bringing in outside guests for this album. Rumor has it that Nas, Aaliyah, and Redman will appear in this album.

Well that's all for "Straight From the Source" this week, I have to close with my weekly closing...ONE LOVE!!!

Wes Jackson is a Voice Columnist and the Business Manager

Is This the End?

By: Magaly Santana

The end of the road has commenced
There is nowhere else to go
The limit has finally arrived
For the people, or they seem to say so.
Where to go from this point?
I know not what to do or say
The public says there's nothing left
But alas, I still kneel to pray.
I search beyond the given boundaries
Because i believe that there must be more.
More to see, to touch , to learn, to feel,
To teach, to experience, to explore.
Words come into mind, taunting and shouting,
"You have reached the conclusion, that is it, it's over. Your quest is complete,
You've attained the final solution.
Both roads have been travelled upon
And there is nothing left to do.
Come, embrace the end now
For it is ready to embrace you."
Everything has already been done
All the work has been sent,
But is that all that is expected of me?
Is this the end?
I turn to face my voyage path
And I run back to where I came.
The end is extremely near,
This makes me feel insane.
Back to the beginning,
To the place I thought I knew,
But to my inconceivable surprise
My eyes see something new.
A small path slightly shines
My eyes see something new.
Something that is narrow and long,
Accomplishing it seems slim,
Making an attempt seem very wrong.
It will be hard to complete, indeed
However, it does not mean
It cannot be done.
It is a task with endless possibilities
That allows you to feel as if you've won.
I took a deep breath facing this path
As I asked, "Is this the end?"
Walking down a tightened road,
A voice says, "My child, it has only begun."

STILL HIRING!

The Intramurals Department is still looking for Work Study Employees
Ask for LouAnn in Ely 231

Open Gym Hours

Parenzo Gym

Note Changes

M-Thur. 6p-12a
Fri. 6p-10p
Sat. 2p- 8p
Sun. 2p-11p

Soccer

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 11 by 6:30 p.m.
-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 233
-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Billiards

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 11 at 7:00 p.m.
-Mandatory Captain's Meeting Wed. Oct. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Ely 233
-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

5-5 Basketball

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 6:30 p.m.
-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 233
-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Intramurals

- 3 on 3 Basketball begins Tuesday, Sept. 19th in the Parenzo gym.
- Men's and Women's Volleyball begins Monday, Sept. 18th in the Parenzo Gym.
- All Schedules are posted in Ely outside Rm 231. Please check the schedules DAILY for game times! If you cannot make a game you are scheduled for, you MUST notify the In. office (x5424) immediately! 24 hr. notice for cancelling a game or you will receive a forfeit.

Co-ed Volleyball

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 7:00 p.m.
-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Ely 233
-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Water Polo

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 7:30 p.m.
-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Ely 233
-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Intramural Ice Hockey...

...still accepting rosters until Sept. 22nd.
Club Members are invited to play!
Call x5424 for Info.
You must have your own equipment.

All Intramural workers must check the work schedule for the week (located in the hallway outside Ely 231)

Any new or returning player interested in trying out for Hockey must call Coach Ward ASAP.
568-5865

2000 Football Outlook

Offensive Line

The offensive line is anchored by senior tackle **Pat Harrington**, who has been a starter the past two seasons. Marino also is high on sophomore tackle **Doug Kaczmarcyzyk** of Athol, who earned a starting spot last season before being sidelined with a season-ending injury. Junior guard **George Emenuel** saw considerable action the past two seasons and started in several games. Sophomore guard **Dave Duquette** and freshman center **Rob Byrne** of Ludlow complete the starting unit. Marino says that sophomore **Brad Walmsley** should see a lot of playing time at guard. Depth is provided by senior **Brian Ross**. freshman **Ken Gebo**, and sophomore **Ron Rich.**

Receivers/Tight Ends

The Owls have limited experience at wide receiver, but they are high on their prospects. Junior **David Eaton** is the leading returnee with six catches for 100 yards in 1999. At 6-1, 190, Eaton provides a big target, as does freshman **Matt Yvon** (6-2, 190). Yvon was a football and basketball All Western Mass. standout at Springfield's Cathedral High School. Freshman **Erik Consilvio** also had a good pre-season camp. Junior **David Carabin** and freshmen **Brendon Sullivan, Bob Arnett**, and **Tim Schmitt** complete the receiving unit. The top tight end candidate is sophomore **Kevin "Chaos" Vaughn** of Chicopee Comp. The 5-10, 220-pounder earned the berth on the basis of his blocking and catching skills. **Brian Matuszko** of South Deerfield, a junior transfer from Norwich, is a big target at 6-5, 245-pounds who also may see action at defensive end. Sophomore **Tom Walsh** is a 6-1, 270-pounder who saw action at fullback in '99.

Offensive Backs

With the Owl coaching staff tinkering with the offense, sophomore **Jesse Phelps** has been selected the starting quarterback over incumbent senior **Chris Bourget**. Phelps saw very limited action last season, but Marino has always liked the Greenfield native's size (6-1, 200) and running ability. Senior **John Frasco** also may get a considerable amount snaps in the sprint/option offensive attack to take advantage of his athleticism and speed. Frasco played tight end last season and caught four passes, all for touchdowns. Bourget gives the Owls experience and depth, and he has the ability to put points on the board in a hurry with his downfield passing. Frasco also may see action at tailback in a running and pass-catching role. The Owls are thin at this position with only two players on the depth chart. Junior **Shawn Lyman** of West Springfield has the potential to rush for 1,000 yards if he can stay healthy. He rushed for 524 yards on 130 carries his first two years at Westfield. Sophomore **Marcil McNeil** was a standout at Enfield's Enrico Fermi High School; he is a transfer from Catawba College, a Division II school in North Carolina. The Owls have a pair of 5-10, 230 junior fullbacks with experience. **P.J. Lorentzen** returns as starter, while **John Cloutier** is a transfer from Springfield College. Cloutier was a two-time All Western Mass. player at Chicopee High School.

Defensive Line

The defensive front is young and untested. Four of the eight players are freshmen, and the only upperclassman is senior standout **Tim Corr**. The 6-4, 205-pound end has a big junior season when he posted team highs of 10 sacks, 16 tackles for losses, two fumble recoveries, three blocked kicks, three fumbles caused and seven pass hurries. Corr was the team's second-leading tackler with 75 stops. Sophomore **Tim Macchi** is starting at the other defensive end. Junior **Derek Jeppe**, who saw action at fullback and linebacker his first two seasons, has been moved to the interior line. Marino is high on freshman down lineman **Stevie Faniel**, a 6-1, 260-pounder from Wareham. Sophomores **Mark Howard** and **Jaret Foley** may see considerable action on the defensive front. The 6-2, 260-pound Foley also is slated to play at linebacker.

Linebackers

Heading into the season this was one of the Owls' strongest position for starters, with senior **Ken Stewart** and sophomore **Mike Hurteau** ranked first and third, respectively, in tackles a year ago. Hurteau, however, has been ordered by his doctor to sit out this season because of mononucleosis. Sophomore **Dan Fitzgerald** and Foley started in the season opener.

Defensive Backs

Experienced returning players include junior strong safety **Ryan Clifford**, senior free safety **Mike Caron**, and junior cornerbacks **Al Gates** and **Kyle Kostanski**. Clifford, however, broke his foot in the season opener and is sidelined for the season. Gates and Kostanski combined for three interceptions a year ago, but each only played half of last season because of injuries. **Aaron Ragland**, a Springfield Central and Holyoke Community College graduate, is a talented junior who will see considerable playing time. Providing depth are sophomore **Jason Olivari**, a converted wide receiver, and freshman **Luke Russell**.

Specialty Teams

John Frasco is slated to handle all of the kicking duties this season. He was the team's punter in 1998 and averaged 34.6 yards. Last season he converted 21 of 27 PATs and two field goals. Entering the season opener, the Owls had not established any returners for the special teams. Players to watch are: **Al Gates** and **David Eaton**.

Langley Leads WNEC By Owls, 26-6 In Opener

SPRINGFIELD - Marvin Langley rushed for 237 yards and three touchdowns to power Western New England College to a 26-6 victory over Westfield State in the football season opener.

Langley also caught two passes for 72 yards to give him 309 all-purpose yards. His first reception covered 62 yards and came on WNEC's first play of the game. It set up his first touchdown, a two-yard plunge with 9:54 left in the first quarter.

Langley also scored on a 21-yard scamper early in the second quarter to stake the Bears to a 12-0 halftime lead. WNEC led 19-0 on a 19-yard pass from quarterback Matt Sotherden to tight end Eric Dunning with 4:39 left in the third quarter.

Westfield's only score - a three-yard run by West Springfield's Shawn Lyman with 10:01 left in the game - was set up by Jason Olivari's 30-yard interception return to the WNEC 6-yard line.

The Owls struggled offensively, with only 52 yards in total offense. Freshman wide receiver Matt Yvon of Springfield Cathedral had the Owls' only three pass receptions.

Olivari also interecepted a pass in the first half. Another defensive standout for the Owls was senior lineback Ken Stewart with 16 tackles (two solos); he also tipped the intercepted pass that set up Westfield's score.

The Owls' next game is Saturday, Sept. 23. when they play at Mass. Maritime Academy.

Home Games This Week

Monday, Sept. 18
Men's Soccer vs. Eastern Connecticut, 7:00
Tuesday, Sept. 19
Field Hockey vs. Plymouth State, 4:00
Wednesday, Sept. 20
Men's Soccer vs. Keene State, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 23
Field Hockey vs. Worcester Polytech, 1:00

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Study Hall
for varsity sports student-athletes begins this week

Study Hall Schedule
Sundays - 7 to 9 p.m.
Mondays - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Wednesdays - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For questions, contact Tara Witthuhn, athletics dept. graduate assistant, at ext. 5454

Williams Tops Westfield In Soccer Showdown

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Powell, both junior midfielders, controlled the offense for Williams. With twenty-eight minutes left in the first half, D.J. Conway was taken out with a swollen hip, suffered as he dove to save a shot which hit the crossbar. Williams took the first seven shots on goal of the game.

Towards the twenty-minute point in the first half, the Owls started to pick up the defense and became more aggressive on offense. Edgar Ortiz, sophomore midfielder, led the charge by going after the ball and getting shots off. In the next three minutes, Williams failed on an indirect kick and senior, Nick Ammendolia, in for Conway, made three clutch saves. Then Blake struck again with a shot that got passed Ammendolia with seventeen minutes left until halftime.

Throughout the first half, head coach Paul Whalley argued with the linesman over Williams' defensemen pushing. Whalley speaking up paid off in the form of one yellow card each for Williams' Ted Giannacopoulos and Michael Cortese in the last fifteen minutes of the first half.

Whalley later said of his team, "We played with class."We say that we can only control the controllable," he said, "We can't control the refs, so we don't worry about the refs."

In the second half, Williams came out with the same intensity as the first. Senior midfielder, Graham Davidson, scored seven minutes into the second half. More controversial non-calls occurred in the second half when Williams' senior goalie slapped WSC senior, co-captain forward Karl Labadorf after Karl went after the ball in a valiant effort. Although there were more controversial calls in favor of Williams College there were some calls in favor of WSC, also.

Williams had multiple shots on goal within the first five minutes of the second half. In contrast, WSC had few offensive chances. In the middle of the second half, Williams' Graham Davidson was issued two consecutive yellow cards and was then asked to leave the bench. The ref said he was running his mouth, but Graham seemed to disagree.

With fifteen minutes and thirteen seconds left in the game, the Owls' freshman midfielder Jay Chelo finally broke the shutout. However, it was answered nine seconds later by Williams' Ted Giannacopoulos to broaden Williams' lead to 4-1.

After the game Whalley said, "We lost concentration after we scored."

Williams sophomore midfielder Marshall Dines scored again with five minutes left in the game to push the lead to 5-1. Down four with under three minutes left in the game, WSC did not give up. They hustled until the final horn and Jay Chelo scored once more with 2 and half minutes left in the match.

The fans, as well as coach Whalley, definitely appreciated the heart shown by the team.

Whalley said, "We made a few mistakes and they capitalized on them...They played as hard as they could."

Injured goalie, D.J. Conway said, "I'm happy with the way we played."

Flaherty, Silva Both Score Two Goals

Women's Soccer Routs Elms For First Victory

CHICOPEE - The Westfield State women's soccer team rolled to a 5-2 victory over Elms College for its first victory of the season.

The Owls jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the opening 30 minutes on a pair of goals by freshman forward Jessica Silva of Reading and junior Joy Flaherty of Bridgewater. Silva also assisted on both of Flaherty's goals.

Sophomore Megan McCann came off the bench to score Westfield's final goal with 34:35 left in the game.

The Owls outshot the host team, 26-6.

Western Conn. 1 - Westfield 0

Heather Babington scored the game-winning goal - a header off a direct kick - with 2:29 remaining in regulation to give Western Connecticut State a 1-0 victory over the Westfield State women's soccer team.

Western Connecticut - one of the top-ranked teams in New England - improved to 3-1.

Westfield State was outshot, 11-10.

Springfield 3 - Westfield 0

Springfield erupted for three second-half goals to defeat Westfield State in the Owls' season and home opener.

Becca Krest scored the game-winning goal at the 59-minute mark off a direct kick restart, slamming the ball high into the left corner off the keeper's hands from 25 yards out.

The Pride, 1-1 overall, outshot Westfield, 7-6.

Volleyball Team Drops Season Opener

KEENE, N.H. - Playing its first home match of the season, the Keene State women's volleyball team defeated Westfield State, 3-0.

Keene improves to 3-2. It was the season opener for Westfield State.

After a close first game, 15-12, Keene won the next two games, 15-4 and 15-2.

Katie Simlick of Enfield had nine kills, eight digs, and three aces for the Owls. Larissa Farrell of Ashfield added four kills, six digs and two aces.

Sports Notices

The Eighth Annual Westfield 5K road race and 1K for Kids will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, at Barnes Airport in Westfield.

The kids' race begins at 11:30 a.m., with the 5K to start at noon. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This year's new course is completely inside the air base, with the start and finish line at the dining hall.

Entries received by Sept. 22 are $15; entries after Sept. 22 and race day are $17. The kids' entry fee is $5.

Race entry includes a picnic lunch and t-shirts to the first 200 entrants on race day.

Learn to referee basketball and earn extra money.

The local chapter of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) will be conducting classes for anyone interested in becoming a certified basketball official.

The classes begin Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Longmeadow High School. Cost is $75.

Contact Walter Hickson at 533-9177 for more information.

Senior midfielder Chris Machado was named the Mass. State Conference Player of the Week in men's soccer. Machado scored the game-winning goal in a big 2-1 victory over Springfield College.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Machado Scores Clincher

SPRINGFIELD - Senior midfielder Chris Machado of Weymouth netted the game-winning goal with 11:25 remaining as the Westfield State men's soccer team edged Springfield, 2-1, in a hard-fought game.

Westfield State opened the scoring at 23:11 on a penalty kick by senior Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham. Springfield tied the game at 47:17 on junior Keith Poloskey's unassisted goal that Westfield goalie Nick Ammendolia mishandled.

Machado calmly put in the game-winner just inside the left post after gathering in a rebound.

Phipps' OT Goal Lifts Field Hockey Past Bryant

Junior Teri Phipps came off the bench to score with 3:56 left in the first overtime to give the Westfield State field hockey team an exciting sudden victory over Division II Bryant College in a well played season opener.

Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham assisted on Phipps' game-winner, and scored the game-tying goal with 19:22 left in regulation.

Bryant took a 1-0 lead with 1:07 left in the first half. Westfield's Sara Monahan tied the score early in the second half on a nicely executed penalty corner.

The hard-charging Bulldogs from Smithfield, R.I. quickly regained the lead three minutes later on a goal by Heidi Chirigotis. Dion then tied the score on a breakaway.

The Owls are coached by former Gateway Regional standout Heather Cabral. Her assistant coach is Westfield High graduate Karen Pawlishen.

RPI 4 - Westfield State 0

TROY, N.Y. - Lisa Neville scored two first-half goals to lead RPI to a 4-0 victory over the Westfield State field hockey team.

The strong RPI strong improved to 3-0.

WNEC 2 - Westfield 1

SPRINGFIELD - Senior Karen Gilbert scored the winning goal with 1:30 remaining as Western New England College won its first game of the season with a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over visiting Westfield State College.

After a scoreless first half, junior transfer Mary Bishop of Enfield put the Owls ahead with a goal at the 32:27 mark. WNEC sophomore Nicole DeRosa tied the contest 4:27 later. Classmate Kara Acken assisted on both goals.

Junior goalie Jen Mikulec had 25 saves for the Golden Bears, while sophomore Jill Annunciata had three for the Owls. Both teams are 1-2.

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Classifieds

FALL CONCERT FESTIVAL-
On the campus green...Lloyds Hill, Ragtree, Traveling Mat
9/23/00

Wanted-
$6.20 for fishsticks!

Skiers and Boarders-
Season Passes Avaliable
Good at all 6 of American Skiing Companies Resorts:
Mt. Snow
Killington
Attitash
Bear Peak
Sunday River
Sugarloaf
Sugarbush
Only $359 for full time college students.
Call Eric x7867 for Application and Info.
Offer Ends soon so Don't Delay!

My girlfriend for 20 bucks!
call x6105

English Books for sale!
call x7901

WSKB: Wanted DJ's and Help of any kind!

Better girlfriends for 100 bucks!

WANTED:
'74 Volkswagon Thing
call x 7901

THE CAMPUS VOICE:
WANTED:
Any Reporters who are fearless and like to investigate!
call x5431

Men's Soccer vs. Eastern CT on Monday the 18th!

SENIOR DAZE
Friday 9/22/00

Trip to the Big E
Thursday, Satuday and Sunday
Don't miss it!

WANTED:
SWM for Hot SWF. Age 19-22. Has to like to have fun, and a great sense of humor. Likes to swim and go to the movies.
Reply to Classifieds.

For a good time call:
1-800-YOUR-MAMA

For sale:
Excellent condition, 14K gold ring, 2 hearts entertwined. Only worn for a little while. Would make a great present for a loved one. Best offer.
call x7909

Golden Nozzle Car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Service Window. Clean your car!

Dustbuster for sale.
It will clean your carpet.
Please call me, Joe, at
1-413-555-1011

Wanted:
Single White Female for Single White Male.
Age preferred 18-22.
Has to enjoy animals and adventure. Must have a good sense of humor. Reply to Classifieds.

FOR SALE:
Paper at the Voice.
Call us here.

We need zip disks for Mac's.
Please reply to the Classifieds.

COMICS needed for comics page! PLEASE WRITE COMICS!!

LOST AND FOUND:

I found a goat in the woods... is it anyone's?

I lost my cat (I know I'm not supposed to have one) if anyone finds it, please reply to the Classifieds. She is grey and answers to the name Bunny.

I lost my wallet near the Davis lot yesterday...has anyone found it? It was black leather with $4 in it and a few credit cards.

I found a winter glove in the trash can yesterday. Want it?

I found a Westfield phone book torn in half! Is it anyone's? I mean, if you can do that, you should keep it to brag to your friends.

I lost my ID yesterday...if anyone found one, please reply.

Wanted:
a bass amp
Reply to Classifieds

Ancient Scanner for Sale
Inquire at the Voice

Needed:
Maid for Apt. 3A2
Please be hot.

FOR SALE:
One inflatable chair
(not- inflatable)

For sale:
One Spinal Tap CD
Call Oregon

I want a HOT MALE SOCCER PLAYER!
Please reply to the Classifieds.

Please call me...I'm lonely...I need a friend. I can't remember my phone number though. Oh well.

For sale:
One friend.
His name is DJ.
He likes comic books, but he doesn't like to tell you the meaning of words.

Personals

Happy Birthday Chico and Chris! Love ya-The Girls

Matt-Say my name! Say my name!

R.I.P. 1A1

My bum hurts

Hey Kel and Amanda- Party on Harrison Ave! I like flowers on the wall and watching kangaroo!!! Love ya-Liz :)

Wyatt Earp DeMarco

Stay away from the boys on the 4th floor of Lammers.

1A1 will never be the same

Does anyone on this campus notice that it's 10 girls to 1 guy? Guys wanted on the 3rd floor of Courtney!

Who are the BIG kids in B413 Lammers?

There will never be another thong party again!

My poop smells funny.

I can't believe they left firewood on the Campus Green overnight...it's like asking for a blaze!

A-Will you marry me? Love, J

Rachel- grow up and get over yourself

I like the food here (that I can actually catch)

Bring back Watch Your Step pleeeeeeeeze!

1500 pounds is what I weigh, and I play goalie.

Happy Birthday Ralph, I love you, even though your are fat and disgusting.

Strange things are afoot at the Circle K.

Andy- watch out for falling fans

Big pimpin', spendin' carrots.

Kristina, Karen, and Jen-getting tattoos on Saturday. How Random?

I wish I had a dime for every time my roommate said "I like birds."

Jenn, better luck next time. He was full of himeself anyway.

Toga, Toga, Toga

I'm not wearing any pants.

We miss the Finns!

Sara, I would go to the vet and let all the cats go free, just as long as you'd be with me.

Everyone asks about my girlfriend, so I tell them all she's dead.

I haven't been to WSC for more then two weeks and I already miss my mom.

Beware of Sparticus.

Worcester is the mullet capital of the world.

Friday, huge party on the campus green, be there.

I started lifting weights the other day and I feel so much better about my self esteem.

The Campus Voice is my reading choice while on the can.

The music department is gonna steal your momma.

What happened to Steve?

If all of us hated high school so much, why wasn't anything ever changed?

Dumas's rendition of the thong song.

To the kid who wears those funny shirts, you're so cute!

It's like watching new born babies crack from work related stress.

WSKB rules! Dark end of the dail!

If I was you I wouldn't leave the house with that hair-do.

Does anyone else think Hogan's heros is offensive but me?

Happy 20th Worm! Love your neighbors no more.

Lets all join hands and sing, "pop goes the weasel."

Education Majors beware, the requirements are changing as we speak.

shaking, like a dog pooping razor blades.

Why have all of the men at WSC gone dumb and bottle blonde? Jut

Who's the boy who stole my underwear from the Lammers laundry room.

I didn't Know Eminem was in Lloyds Hill

The masked donkey will come to Davis.

I left my glasses at Joe's apartment and now I can't see my own bum.

When I feel blue, I think about the Red Sox and I feel worse.

Our R.A. gets drunk with us!

Looking for a party? Come to 2A3.

I love the girls in 2B3.

Lammers showers were built for five year olds.

I'm not black or white, I'm plaid. Its cool to be different.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

Comics

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5 Mongol tent
9 Conscious
14 Cheshire Cat's expression
15 Have — in one's bonnet
16 Columbus' port
17 — avis
18 1995 Disney film
20 Arab ruler
21 Actor Mineo
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25 Oklahoma oil town
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29 Dine
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34 Priest's garment
36 Anesthetic
38 Birchbark craft
38 Early astronomer
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43 — up the score (ties)
44 Jollier
46 Overhead trains
47 Can. province
48 Witch
49 Close
51 Rajahs' wives
53 Raw fish dish
56 Thin coat
60 Mai —: cocktail
62 Glance over
63 Overpriced
65 Elbow grease
66 Slight trace
67 Director Preminger
68 Writer — Stanley Gardner
69 Backless seat
70 Vicious
71 "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's —"

Well, this week does not have too mony originol comics, but I still encourage you oll to send your comics in. I would olso like to thonk Meg for helping me with this week's comics poge. Enjoy your poge!!!!

DOWN
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4 Caught
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8 Iced —
9 Greek marketplace
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11 Poker stake
12 Lion's sound
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19 Padlock partner
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37 Navajo lodge
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45 Stir
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50 "Emma" novelist
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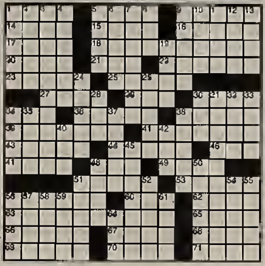
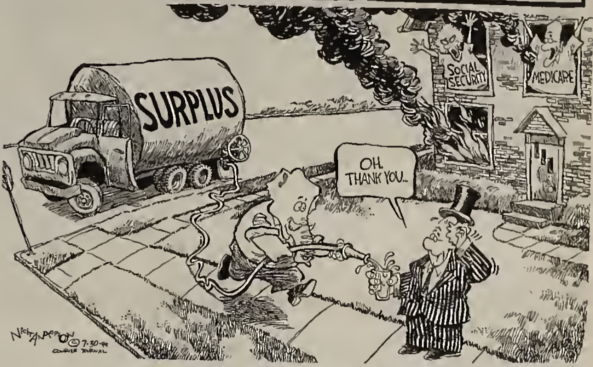
64 Football coach Landry



HEY!! WHERE ARE ALL THE FISH JOKES?
CHRIS & TED



I'VE GOT THE DISPOSABLES.
I'VE GOT THE SAFETY PINS.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE'S LESSER KNOWN BUT FAR MORE ENTERTAINING CHANGING OF THE GUARD
V.LEE

SKUNK WORKS by Sean Harrington

"Welcome to the show. Tonight we have a panel of experts to discuss alien abductions."

Now pull the Left Leg out. Okay, put the right Leg in ... now shake it all about.
V.LEE

The funeral of Lars Thatchel, Inventor of the Hokey-Pokey.

Why do I perpetuate this dysfunctional relationship?!!
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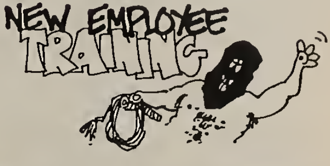

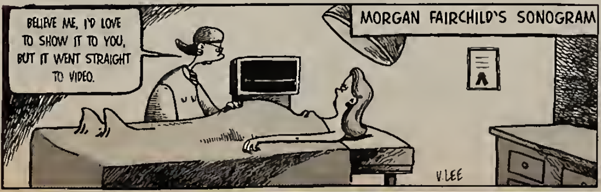
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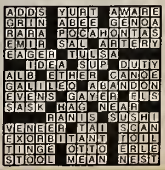
MORGAN FAIRCHILD'S SONOGRAM
V.LEE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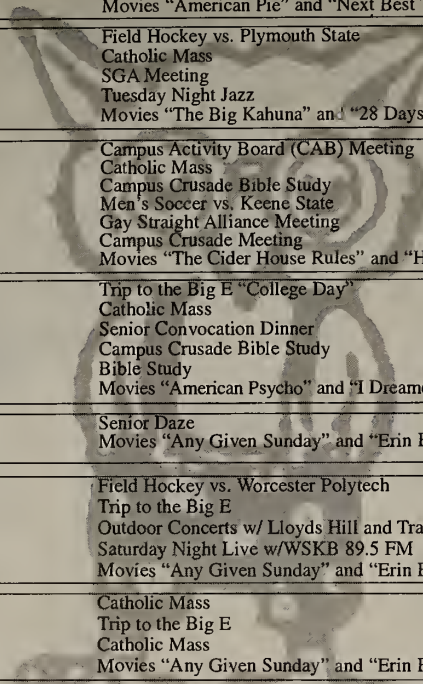
WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events



Mon 9/18	4:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Eastern Connecticut	Athletic Field
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "American Pie" and "Next Best Thing"	Channels 56&57
Tue 9/19	4:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Plymouth State	Athletic Field
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Big Kahuna" and "28 Days"	Channels 56&57
Wed 9/20	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Keene State	Athletic Field
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Corner (Commuter) Cafe
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Cider House Rules" and "High Fidelity"	Channels 56&57
Thur 9/21	4:30 p.m.	Trip to the Big E "College Day"	Contact Service Window
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Convocation Dinner	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "American Psycho" and "I Dreamed of Africa"	Channels 56&57
Fri 9/22	5:00 p.m.	Senior Daze	Ely Hill
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Any Given Sunday" and "Erin Brokovich"	Channels 56&57
Sat 9/23	1:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Worcester Polytech	Athletic Field
	1:00 p.m.	Trip to the Big E	Contact Service Window
	3:00 p.m.	Outdoor Concerts w/ Lloyds Hill and Traveling Mat	Campus Green
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Any Given Sunday" and "Erin Brokovich"	Channels 56&57
Sun 9/24	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	1:00 p.m.	Trip to the Big E	Contact Service Window
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Any Given Sunday" and "Erin Brokovich"	Channels 56&57

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-Photo by Kelly Clarke

SGA held elections last week for the Freshmen class and a Senior class Treasurer.

'Rock the Vote Week' at SGA

By Jackie Sturtevant
Voice Reporter

The weekly Student Government Association meeting was called to session Tuesday, September 20th at 5:30 by SGA President Mandy Miranda. Various topics were up for discussion; mainly the success of last Saturday's Campus Carnival, 'Rock the Vote Week," and the SGA Student elections.

Miranda opened with the President's report, congratulating Maggie Smith, Vice President of Programming, and fellow Campus Activities Board members on Saturday's carnival.

"It was a wonderful success," Miranda said. Smith thanked all involved for the job well done, saying, "Every year gets a little bit better and this year was no exception." Over 700 family members attended the event.

The next topic of discussion was Voter Registration Week, otherwise known as "Rock the Vote Week." Fran Henderson, newly elected Representative to Senate, Class 2001, announced that there will be a voter registration drive Wednesday, October 4 in Scanlon Hall. Shalimar Colon, Governor of the Board of Trustees, said that "Rock the Vote Week" will begin the day of the Coffee House (October 4th) and continue through the rest of the week.

Colon also addressed the teacher contract negotiations, which have yet to be settled.

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Members of college community admit more recycling should be done

By Laura Cyr
& Kristen Croteau
Voice Reporters

Does Westfield State College recycle as much as we think it does? What happens to the recyclable products that are put in the blue bins daily? Is there more we would like to do on campus, but aren't sure how? Many in the college community have expressed feelings of confusion about what WSC does for the recycling effort.

Although WSC does take part in the effort to recycle more, it doesn't seem to be enough, according to administrators, faculty, staff, and students. "Although we try our best to recycle as much as we can, we would like to do more," said Curt Robie, the Assistant Vice President of Operations and Facilities.

The most recent study done on recycling here on campus, compiled in 1994, stated that 218 tons is the potential amount of material WSC could recycle, but 127.5 tons is the actual amount of recycled goods. Why is there such a shortcoming on WSC's part concerning recycling? One WSC staff member, who wishes to remain unidentified, said one reason the college's numbers are so low is the way in which the recycling company, BFI, handles the school's recyclable materials. "I have witnessed BFI dumping the school's trash in their trucks, and then taking the recyclable material in the bins and dumping it in the same truck along with the trash," the staff member said. BFI was unavailable for comment.

The staff member said that another reason the recycling numbers are so low is that contamination of the bins occurs so often, making the materials to be recycled no longer good. "If trash is mixed in with the recylable materials, the bin gets trashed," the staff member said. "I try

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New bridge to help traffic

Great River Bridge Project to re-route congestion

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

An attempt to deal with the traffic in downtown Westfield will be put into effect in the near future. The Great River Bridge Project will create a new bridge for the city, re-routing outgoing traffic to a new bridge to be built, connecting Union Avenue and North Elm Street.

The Great River Bridge Project consists of three stages, said John Fallon, Project Manager. "The first stage will be to rehabilitate the existing bridge over the Westfield River. We need to update it, replace parts of the street, make it safe to drive on," said Fallon.

The second stage will make it possible for trucks to utilize the inbound bridge to downtown, said Fallon. "The second stage," said Fallon, "will be to raise the viaduct where the train tracks lie right before you get to the existing bridge. This will make it so that the trucks can fit underneath, so that they will finally be able to use the bridge."

Fallon said that the third part of the Great River Bridge Project will create two one-way traffic systems for traffic driving in and out of the city of Westfield. "The third stage is to build a new bridge to connect Union Ave. to North Elm Street almost parallel to the already existing bridge. This will enable us to use the bridge that exists now for three lanes of inbound traffic only, and the new bridge for three lanes of outbound traffic only," said Fallon.

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-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Traffic in downtown Westfield.

Psychology 'Reinforcers'

'Reinforcers' -File Photo

By Peter Costas
Voice Reporter

The Psychology department of Westfield State recently took part in the Josh BillingsRunaground Triathlon. This grueling triathlon goes through the towns of Great Barrington and Stockbridge.

312 three-person teams took part in the event along with the psychology department. The "Reinforcers," as they were named, had Roger Tudor cycling, Stan Jackson and Bob Hayes canoeing and Claudia Ciano-Boyce running.

Each event tested the athlete's endurance. The cycling race was 27 miles over a hilly Great Barrington course. The canoe course was five miles around Stockbridge bowl. Running was the final event with a 6.2 mile course. Everyone in these events was very tense and excited to be

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From the Editor's Desk

By looking through the Campus Voice archives, back to the days when the student press of Westfield State was called the Owl, it's easy to recognize that many of the issues that concerned students back when our parents might have went to college still haunt WSC to this day.

Parking is just one of those issues. Can you believe before the invention of South Lot students parked on the Campus Green? Public Safetey deserves credit for adding more spaces for students to park this year, which is a step in the right direction, but not for raising the price of main lot decals beyond that of the South Lot decals.

If Ticketmaster and Co. are going to defend this price gap they should be able to gaurantee that students with overpriced Main Lot stickers will not be left without a place to park in main lot on the weekends, because of lenient officers allowing students with South Lot stickers to park in Main Lot spaces when there are plenty of empty Commuter spots available.

RJ Burgess III

Knapik announces Fast Lane Transponder distribution event

WESTFIELD- Senate Minority Whip, Michael R. Knapik, 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District announces scheduling of a FAST LANE 'Transponder distribution event for Wednesday, September 27, 2000 to be held on the campus of Westfield State College/Ely Campus Center, 577 Western Avenue and the parking lot of the Second Congregational Church, 487 Western Avenue.

"I am extremely happy to provide constituents in this area the opportunity to register for and pick up a FAST LANE 'Transponder at these convenient locations. There are literally hundreds of students, faculty, and staff traveling on the Turnpike to and from the campus daily," Knapik said.

Traffic is a major issue here in the Pioneer Valley, and it is an issue that the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and the Massachusetts Highway Department takes very seriously. "The use of the Transponder unit allows a vehicle to drive directly through the toll booths getting on and off the Turnpike. For residents of Western Massachusetts using exits 1 through 6, the units and the tolls are completely free. I encourage all drivers from the area to join us on the 27th anytime between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m." said Knapik.

A copy of your car's registration is needed at the time you sign up. Free Transponders are available only for Western Massachusetts residents. The complete offering of Transponders will be available throughout the day.

Transponders covering the full length of the Turnpike which are compatible with E-Z Pass system in New York State and other locations will also be available. The deposit is $27.50. There are four payment options available for the costs of tolls.

"I encourage drivers to participate in this FAST LANE 'Transponder program. This is a program that really works effectively reducing the back-ups and time spent getting on and off the Pike," said Knapik. The general public is welcome. An additional distribution event is planned on October 18, 2000 at Holyoke Community College.

Time frame unknown for Great River Bridge Project

■ Traffic

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The time frame on this project is yet to be decided upon. Rick Sullivan, Mayor's office of the City of Westfield, said that the way that a project like this is created is also a three-step process.

"The first step to the process is to create what is called a 25 percent design. This sounds like not much of it is done, but in actuality a good part of the design is already done. We already have approval on this step, " said Sullivan.

Sullivan said that the second step is solely environmental. "The second step is to get environmental approval. This includes noise, air quality, water effects and animals effected. We have approval on this as well," said Sullivan.

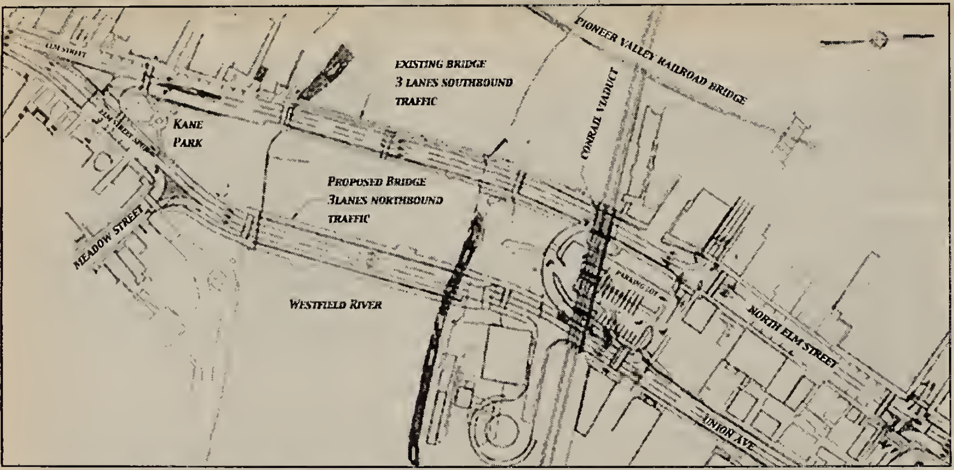
"The third step," said Sullivan, "is to create the final design, and begin. We are waiting for the Massachusetts Highway Commissioner to sign the plans and give his approval and then the final stage will be put into place and it will begin."

Seargeant Brian Boldini, City of Westfield's Traffic Bureau said that the plans for a new bridge will have an effect on the number of accidents that happen in Westfield per year.

"You've seen the traffic. If people were just patient, they wouldn't drive on other people's bumpers in traffic and there would be less accidents overall," said Boldini. Boldini said that a large number of accidents occur in Westfield every year. "On average 900-1,000 major accidents occur each year. A major accident is defined by any accident that results in $1,000 in damage and/or injuries."

"Along with those major accidents," said Boldini, "there are on average about 1,500-2,000 minor accidents a year as well. Most of these accidents are caused by drivers who are inattentive and impatient due to the traffic."

" With the new bridge, and one-way traffic, the traffic will flow better, people will be in less of a hurry and in turn there will be less accidents," said Boldini.



This map of downtown Westfield explains The Great River Bridge Project.

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The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is, or not include the letter at all.

Voice of The Week

Brooke Wadhams

POSITION AT WSC: CAPTAIN OF THE FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

YEARS AT WSC: FOUR

HOMETOWN: GOSHEN, CT

FAMILY: ONE OLDER BROTHER, TWO PARENTS

HOBBIES: LISTENING TO MUSIC, PLAYING THE CLARINET, READING, SHOPPING, FIELD HOCKEY, INTRAMURALS

JOB: A NANNY, DURING THE SUMMERTIME: WORKED AT A FIELD HOCKEY CLINIC FOR KIDS

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: THE FOOD

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: ROSIE O'DONNELL

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: FIELD HOCKEY TEAM...SHE HAS BEEN PLAYING SINCE 7TH GRADE AND HAS BEEN ON THE WSC TEAM ALL 4 YEARS.

KIND OF CAR: 1992 FORD ESCORT

FAVORITE FOOD: SPAGHETTI

FAVORITE MOVIE: DIRTY DANCING

FAVORITE BOOK: "CHEERS OF THE MOON" BY NORA ROBERTS

THING TO DO WHILE RELAXING: CATCH UP WITH ROOMMATES

DID THIS SUMMER: WAS PICKED BY WSC TO GO TO NCAA FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Contaminated recycling bins thrown out with regular trash

■ Recycling

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to sort out the recyclable materials, but many days I don't have the time, and it is often too gross to go fishing through," he said.

Curt Robie said that it's not up to the school to decide if the material in the bins can still be recycled. "We try to recycle mixed paper, but if it gets contaminated with trash or things that don't belong, the hauler decides if its accepted or if its trashed," Robie said.

The WSC staff member said that a good amount of the material in the bins does head out to be recycled, but not enough. "A lot of what I see in the bins does get recycled, but a lot of what I see does not as well," the staff member said. "We could do more though. In my opinion, 75% of the rubbish per day could all easily be recycled."

Many faculty and students are interested in doing more concerning recycling. Eric Annarino, the director of MassPIRG on campus, said that he would like to see more recycling on campus. "Recycling is a common sense thing that everyone should and can do," Annarino said. "The more people that do it, the more effective it is."

Greg Neikirk, the Head of the English Department, said that they do make an effort to recycle in the English Dept., but to his knowledge, a lot of its gets dumped into the trash. "I feel that if we all work harder to conserve paper, there wouldn't be as big of a need to recycle," he said.

> "...in my opinion, 75% of the rubbish per day could all easily be recycled."
>
> -Curt Robie

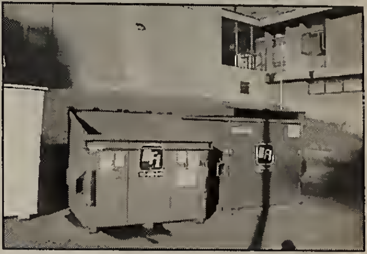
Jack Szpiler, the head of the Psychology Dept., said that the department does recycle some things, such as cartridges from the printer, but it is not enough. "I feel that the department does less recycling than what I think they could be doing," he said.

Students, such as junior Andrew Marshall, said that they think the school should improve the recycling program. "I don't think Westfield recycles enough because I see them throw the recycling bins in the trash," he said.

Other students, such as senior Jason Renslow, said they wish there could be more recycling in the Residential Halls. "I'm really disappointed that there's not more recycling bins on the whole campus, especially in the Res. Halls," Renslow said.

Jon Conlogue, the Director of Residential Life, said that the issue of recycling in Res. Halls has been brought up many times, but it is difficult to do on a college level. "We have a long standing goal to try to he more active with recycling," he said. "I feel that on a personal level though, we can all do a little bit."

Curt Robie said that limited recycling programs have been set up in the Res. Halls in the past, but there were problems. "Fire codes say we can't have bins in hallways, so we would need to find a good location for them," he said. "Also, there were large problems with contamination of the bins due to the large amount of students in the Res. Halls."



Recycling dumpsters behind Ely. -Photo by Megan Meehan

The book store is another area that some would like to see recycle more on campus. A book store employee, who wishes to remain unidentified, said that the book store does do some recycling, but could do more in the effort. "We recycle our cardboard through a waste removal company," the employee said. "Some of the books we have left over from buy back at the end of the semester are also reused by being given to local high schools for free. The rest of the books though are thrown out though. We would like to recycle them, but we don't know what to do."

WSC does attempt to try hard at recycling though, and this can be seen at the Library, according to the Library Director, Hal Gibson. Gibson said there is much they do in the recycling effort. "We recycle all printer paper the students and staff discard, which is a substantial amount of paper," he said. "We also recycle all the cardboard we receive and large printer cartridges. I don't know of anything more off hand that we could be recycling."

Although there is a lot done in the attempt to recycle, there still is more to be done, according to Curt Robie. He said that the problem though is that recycling can be very costly for the school. "There is no demand for recycled products now, and we have to pay to get rid of it," Robie said. "A full fledged recycling project would cost the college about $50-70,000."

Robie said that there is much the college does in terms of recycling. "We recycle all our hazardous waste, which is a requirement, antifreeze, old paint, solvents, chemicals, lab waste, all lightbulbs, and our old computer equipment, which is sent to Boston for recycling," he said. "We also try to but as many recycled goods that we can."

Robie said that the college is also reusing a lot of the grounds material. "Leaves, twigs, and grass clippings all go to a compost pile to reuse on the campus gardens," he said.

Robie said that the college is in the process of putting up the recycling contract up for public bid. He said that whoever gets it has to help them set up a successful program.

Robie said that he has also asked the state and the Environmental Protection Agency for extra funds to improve the recycling program here at WSC due to the high cost of it. "We would like to have a program similar to the one at UMass, which is highly successful, but they have a huge staff and federal grants due to their size," he said. "We've looked at a lot of stuff for the recycling program, but all the equipment costs so much money, which people don't realize."

SGA addresses teacher contract concern

■ SGA

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She acknowledged that this is a concern, but that "students are really going to take a stance on what's really an issue and they aren't affected yet [by the contract negotiations.] As far as I know, teachers are still teaching."

Colleen Farmm, head of the Commuter Council, reported that they are trying to improve numbers; event planning is still in the works and elections for this committee will be next Tuesday at 4 pm in the Ely Main Lobby. She also said that is was important for commuters to be aware that they "have the same rights as full time students at the health center, even though they are not covered by WSC insurance," and that they should not be told otherwise.

Ricky Welsh, Class 2003, gave the Board of Governor's report; their first meeting was held last Tuesday, in which Welsh was elected Chair. Laura Shaw, also Class '03, was elected Vice Chair.

Following Reports from the Committees, the Senators had to agree to resignitions and elections. The conclusions that were reached upon are the following:

Sarah Miller, Chris Grawski, and Randel Vamp were all appointed for the Commuter Council.

Carrie Paris, class of 2001, resigned as Representative to Senate and was appointed Class Secretary. Bill Dunbar, along with Fran Hendersen, were appointed as Representatives to the Senate for the Class of 2001. Caityln Daily resigned from Representative to Senate for the Class 2002. There are positions for two Representatives to Senator, Alumni Representative, Class Historian, and Treasurer for the Class of '02.

Liz LaFond resigned as Rep. to Senate for the Class of 2003 to become the Class Historian. Rhiannon D'Angelo was aapointed Representative to Senate.

At the close of the meeting, the first Senator of the Week Award was given to Gary Muddiman, for his dedication to SGA and to WSC.

Electoral College now favors Democrats

By Thomas Edsall
Washington Post

A decade ago, Lee Atwater, the premier political strategist of the 1980s picked by President George Bush to run the Republican National Committee, was convinced that the GOP was on the verge of acquiring a near lock on the electoral college.

With a secure base in the large Sun Belt states- Florida, Texas and California-Republican presidential candidates would start the general election with a decisive advantage, far closer to the magic number of 270 electoral votes than their Democratic adversaries.

Now, as Election Day approaches, George W. Bush and Al Gore face an electoral college turned on its head and the advantage decisively held by the Democrats.

The Republican tilt has not only disappeared, but California has switched to a likely Democratic state, Florida has become fully competitive and a number of other major states that used to ``lean Republican" now ``lean Democratic" in strategic calculations.

One independent estimate performed by Princeton political scientist Larry Bartels found the number of electoral votes in states that are likely to vote Democratic or lean Democratic has grown from 199 in the period from 1976 to 1984, to an intimidating 274, or four more than needed to win, in the period from 1988 through 1996.

The number of electoral votes in ``likely" or ``lean" Republican states has stayed virtually the same, dropping from 241 to 240 over this period.

The total number of ``tossup" electoral votes fell from 97 to just 24, according to Bartels' analysis. The study is based on past performance and does not guarantee how a state will vote this year, but, in the states Bartels identifies as shifting toward the Democratic Party, Gore either leads or is running even with Bush.

The balance of power in the electoral college is a key barometer of the strength of the two parties in presidential contests. The current tilt toward the Democrats does not predict the outcome, and does not preclude the possibility that Bush could win in what remains a close contest. But the pro-Democratic inclination of these states provides some explanation of the shift toward Gore in national and state-by-state polling as the election nears.

Stan Greenberg, one of Gore's pollsters, said the phenomenon ``changes the entire world.... The map has shifted. You have New York and California and New England as a (Democratic-leaning) block, Florida competitive, and Illinois and New Jersey shifting to the Democratic side."

There are two ways to look at the balance of partisan advantage in the electoral college. The first, and less significant, way is to determine which party's candidate is more likely to win in the unlikely event of an election where the popular vote is divided exactly 50-50.

The more important calculation is which party has the easier time amassing the 270 electoral college votes required to win. This calculation is made by adding the electoral college votes in states that are reliably, likely or lean toward the Democrats and Republicans and determining which party has the larger number.

Bartels, who has studied the electoral college and state voting patterns, said that if you assume ``a 50-50 split of the national popular vote, and assume that the distribution of states around that average will be similar to what it's been in the past three presidential elections," the Democratic candidate would win the electoral college by a slim 272 to 266.

In contrast, the expected electoral college result based on the pattern of voting in the states in the 1976 to 1984 period if the vote were split exactly 50-50 would be 276 electoral college votes for the Republican candidate and 262 for the Democrat.

Bartels found that six states moved from the GOP side to the Democratic side in terms of probable vote: California, Michigan, Connecticut, New Mexico, Vermont and President Clinton's Arkansas. Five states went from tossups to leaning or likely Democratic: Missouri, Maine, Iowa, Washington and Illinois.

Recent state-by-state polling suggests Gore leads in seven of these states - California, Michigan, Connecticut, Vermont, Iowa, Washington and Illinois -while the rest are close to even.

But as Clinton demonstrated in 1992, it is quite possible for a candidate to win in states that in the recent past have voted for the opposite party.

The Republican electoral college advantage in the 1970s and 1980s was based in large part on the realignment of much of the South from a solid Democratic base to one of the most reliably Republican regions in the nation.

Gary Jacobson, a political scientist at the University of California, San Diego, said, ``Republicans initially made gains by winning in the South," but as the GOP ``became stronger in that region, it became weaker in other areas, especially the Northeast and mid-Atlantic."

In California, Jacobson said, ``demographics are moving against the Republicans" with the growing importance of the Hispanic vote and the finding that California has become ``one of the most pro-choice states in the country." Florida, he said, is ``dominated by the demographics of retired folks, and Democrats can win this state if they can focus on issues of interest to older, retired people."

More Firestone deaths

By Tom Incantalupo
Newsday

Federal officials said Tuesday that they had received 800 more reports of Firestone tire failures, including 15 more deaths, since Aug. 31, raising the totals to more than 2,200 and 103, respectively. The announcement by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration came hours after Continental General Tire announced that it would replace about 160,000 tires installed as orginal equipment or replacements on 38,000 Lincoln Navigator sport utility vehicles.

Most of the Firestone ATX, ATXII and Wilderness AT tires in Bridgestone/Firestone's Aug. 9 recall were on Ford Explorers, and the Navigator recall adds to Ford Motor Co.'s public relations nightmare.

NHTSA spokesman Rae Tyson said the statistics announced Tuesday represent complaints logged since the previous update Aug. 31, but that none of the 15 new deaths occurred since Aug. 9, although an unknown number of the 400 new injury reports might have. Other media reports have linked several deaths to the tires since the recall started. Ford's Lincoln-Mercury division said the Continental replacement program results from 486 complaints, most of them from U.S. consumers, about various tread-related problems, including pieces separating while the vehicle is moving. About 62 mostly U.S. complaints alleged damage to the vehicles but none, according to the German tiremaker and Lincoln-Mercury involved accidents, injuries or deaths.

Still, the timing of the recall of the 16-inch ContiTrac AS tires installed on certain 1998 and 1999 Navigators is unfortunate for Ford, whose Explorer SUVs safety has been called into question by the Firestone failures. And it gives another group of Ford customers who shuttle their families in Ford SUV's cause for concern. Analysts said intense media coverage of the two recalls and the fact that many of the Explorer deaths occurred when the vehicles rolled over, also increases pressure on Congress and the federal government to enact a proposed rollover rating system for vehicles. A NHTSA proposal for such a rating has been held up in the Senate, which attached a provision to a bill that a National Academy of Sciences study be done first. The companion House bill has no such provisions, and House-Senate conferees now must decide if the provision says. ``I would not be surprised to see it come out in conference," said Julie Rochman, spokesman for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a trade group that has been calling for rollover resistance standards for 20 years.

Rollovers involving SUVs have drawn increased attention as the small trucks have surged in popularity since the mid 1980s. NHTSA says that between 1992 and 1996, an average of 227,000 crashes per year occurred in which a rollover was the first ``harmful event," resulting in an average of 9,063 fatalities per year. Although light trucks are in only 68 percent as many crashes per registered vehicle as are passenger cars, the agency says, they are involved in 127 percent as many rollover crashes, 90 percent of which result from the vehicle leaving the roadway. Said Jack Gillis, a former NHTSA official who is now public affairs director at the Consumer Federation of America in Washington, ``It seems like every week we're getting new information but at this stage I think it's premature to identify Ford vehicles as particularly prone to rollover." Lincoln owners with questions were urged to called 1-800-TIREFIX or 1-800-521-4140.

Lincoln Mercury said some 1998, 1999 and all 2000 models of the Navigator used a 17-inch version of the tire, which is not involved in the replacement program. The Firestone failures generated two days of congressional hearings with a third scheduled for Thursday. Complaints to the safety agency have not been confined to the tires involved in the recall, which has led to calls upon Bridgestone/Firestone from safety activists, consumers and the safety agency itself to increase the universe of tires in the campaign.

Industry analysts, Ford and dealers say the controversy has thus far had no impact on sales of new Explorers, which do not have the recalled tires, and that it is unlikely to hurt sales of Ford Motor Co. trucks as long as consumers perceive it as a tire issue.

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Mexicans Reap NAFTA's Benefits

By Mary Jordan

The Washington Post

GOMEZ PALACIO, Mexico-Stitch by stitch, Hortensia Hernandez's life is getting better. The 29-year-old mother sits in a factory with hundreds of other workers sewing jeans for the Gap, Tommy Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren and other U.S. retailers, earning triple the salary she did a couple of years ago doing the same work.

The La Laguna region around Torreon, 250 miles south of the Texas border, is known as the jeans capital of the world. 4.5 million pairs are sewn here every week. Factories are expanding and hiring so fast that unemployment is virtually zero. That is great news for Hernandez, who is in such demand that her new employer sends a free bus for her every morning, offers her free lunch and pays her a top-end salary of $100 a week. The company also pumps in air-conditioning and Mexican music for Hernandez and its other 7,000 employees, 6,000 of whom have been hired since 1995. ``Things are changing rapidly," said Hernandez, who works for the Bull-D jeans company because it offered her the best salary, hours and perks-even an ergonomically correct chair. ``And if this doesn't work out, if they don't pay me enough, I will leave and get another job."

Hernandez is on the leading edge of the Mexican economy. Average wages for the majority of Mexico's 8 million industrial workers have fallen 10 percent since the early 1990s to less than $14 a day, mainly because of a financial crisis that struck in 1994-95. But notable exceptions are the 2.6 million jobs in the booming export sector, where salaries are typically 30 percent higher than those for jobs related to the domestic market. This is the way the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement was supposed to work more exports, more jobs. But many Mexicans complain its benefits have spread far too slowly through the economy and were undermined by the currency debacle five years ago. Still, exports are growing fast. They account for nearly one-third of Mexico's $500 billion economy and at least half the 3 million jobs created since NAFTA took hold. President-elect Vicente Fox has said repeatedly that bringing the benefits of this new economy to more Mexicans, and reducing the wage gap with the United States, is the way to better relations between the two countries. More than 300,000 Mexicans flood across the border each year because they have no jobs, no money and no future. Give them those things, Fox argues, and illegal immigration will dry up. La Laguna and other middle-class meccas emerging across Mexico are beginning to offer evidence that such a future, while still far off, may be more than a politician's pipe dream. The hum and buzz of the factories in this region, an eight-hour drive south of the border, show much of what the future could become.

``This is the process of the development of a country: modernizing one company at a time," said Luis de la Calle, one of Mexico's chief trade officials.

Mexico is expected to replace Japan this year as the second-largest supplier of foreign-made goods to the United States, with more than $120 billion in exports moving across the border. Only Canada has a bigger presence in the lucrative U.S. market. In just six years, Mexico shot up from being America's fifth-largest supplier of garments to its largest, passing China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea. American shoppers increasingly see ``Hecho en Mexico" tags on their clothes as Mexico assumes the dominance once held by Asia. Overall, exports have risen from $61 billion in 1994 to an estimated $165 billion this year, more than the combined exports of all South American countries.

More significant for many Mexican workers, export factories usually require higher skills and pay more for it. In the case of the garment industry, many U.S. retailers worried about the public-relations nightmare of being affiliated with sweatshops will only do business with companies such as Bull-D, which offer good working conditions. The forces of global competition are not a big topic of discussion among the factory workers, but they do talk about its effect: increasing wages.

Hernandez earns $20 a day. While not much compared with the factory worker in Texas who typically earns $12 an hour, it is triple what she earned sewing in 1997. Only last month, she said, she was working longer hours at a different company for less money. Now, as the competition for workers increases, she walks away from her sewing machine every day at 6 p.m.

``I get to spend more time with my 3 year old," she said, taking a break at the Bull-D factory in Gomez Palacio, near Torreon. ``I feel things are changing, and rapidly." NAFTA was a bold continental pact that allowed the tax-free flow of goods among Canada, the United States and Mexico. It allowed, among other things, Mexican companies to buy duty-free U.S. computers and technology to upgrade factories. These companies could then export their goods duty-free back to New York City electronics stores and Houston shopping malls.

-Washington Post Photo

Hortensia Hernandez sews jeans to be exported for sale by U.S. retailers.

Since the pact, the number of pairs of jeans sewn every week in La Laguna alone has jumped from 500,000 to 4.5 million, more than 230 million a year. Bull-D has computer software hooked up to a giant printer that draws the pattern of the jeans, easily shifting from a women's Size 6, slim fit, to a men's 42-inch waist, relaxed fit. Most jeans from the factory are bought by American shoppers shelling out $20 to $80 in stores such as Old Navy, Eddie Bauer and Armani Exchange. Jennifer Bair, a Duke University scholar studying the Mexican apparel industry, said there is still a large gap between U.S. and Mexican wages but that it is ``inspiring" to talk to employees and managers around La Laguna because of the changes under way. ``There is optimism and energy, and a tremendous amount of enthusiasm in a country which in the past has had just cause for a lot of pessimism," she said. Nora Lustig, an economist who has written extensively on the Mexican economy and recently completed a report for the World Bank, said that even with the ``tremendous boom" in La Laguna, the lack of education and infrastructure in many parts of the country has created a bottleneck for growth. ``The catch-up will take a long time," she said. For instance, most Mexican factory workers still earn in a day what U.S. factory workers earn in an hour.

Fox has said a first step toward narrowing the economic gap is to narrow the gap between rich and poor Mexico. Fox has said he will improve public education to create a more-capable work force and nurture smaller businesses that have had a difficult time raising capital. Fox, who begins a six-year term Dec. 1, also has said he wants to create more than 1 million jobs a year. To do so, Fox wants to relocate dozens of export factories from the wealthier northern border region to Chiapas and Mexico's other poor southern states, luring them with government incentives. So far, Fox has received a cool reception to his pitch to Mexico's NAFTA partners, the United States and Canada, to give big sums to create jobs inside Mexico. But some officials say that could change if Fox delivers on his promises and if areas such as La Laguna are able to absorb workers from poorer areas who otherwise might cross the Rio Grande in search of a living. The hints of prosperity here are everywhere: The business breakfast buffet is always crowded at the marble-floored Hotel Paraiso, and the new Sanborns department store is stocked with the latest electronics and fashions. Hordes of construction workers are building two new shopping malls, two golf courses and two suburbs, all aimed at the emerging middle and upper-middle classes.

A decade ago, La Laguna was known mainly for its dairy farms. This month, the Torreon airport will open a lounge with Internet hookups for traveling business executives, who can also watch news on CNN and movies on HBO. A short drive away, Juan Antonio Sotelo, 19, the son of a stable worker, stitches jeans at the Bull-D factory. Like many young people here, he has been working since he was 12, harvesting onions and chilies in the fields until the factories arrived and started offering unheard-of wages. He said he is still tempted by the far-better wages offered north of the border, where he has relatives in Texas and Oklahoma. But he said that, for the moment at least, Mexico is offering him a future that seems brighter than he imagined. "I've worked a lot harder for less," he said.

You bounce just right and get a gold medal

By John Jeansonne

LA Times

SYDNEY, Australia-Jennifer Parilla, who is 5-foot-2, is a bouncer. That's what they call athletes in one of the new sports making its Olympic debut, trampolining, with women's competition scheduled for Friday. In a typical bounce, the 19-year-old Parilla will spring as high as 20 feet in the air and perform a sort of fast-forward series of pikes, twists and somersaults. Her entire routine will take ``about 18 to 20 seconds," she said.

``A lot of the skills," she explained, ``are the same things you'll see in gymnastics. There's one compulsory, with 10 skills, done back-to-back with four required elements. In the optional, there are difficulty requirements."

This means one more sport that is subjectively scored, and therefore difficult at times for anyone to explain, including the sport's experts. But it also means another TV-friendly ``performance" sport in the Games. And it means one more avenue for athletes to reach great heights at a discipline they took up as kids to keep from tearing down the house.

Parilla jumped on the furniture a lot, so her mother introduced her to the not-uncommon recreational play afforded by a trampoline. ``I started at 5," she said. `Being a little kid, I loved jumping in the air. It's the closest you get to flying.

``I was in New Zealand with my family and I went bungee jumping when I was 12 years old. I wasn't heavy enough so they strappe my partner and I together by the ankles." Asked if her mother was able to watch, Parilla said, ``She was videotaping it."

For trampoline to have been added to the Olympic program was serendipity for Parilla, who ``wasn't involved in the politics at all," she said. ``In '98, I know trampoline joined USA Gymnastics, but the Olympics never crossed my mind before that. I was just having fun doing it." To suggestions that having bouncing in the Olympics indicates a growing trend toward so-called trash sports, Parilla responded, ``The other athletes have a lot of respect for my sport." Parilla argued that gymnastics, of which trampolining technically is considered a ``discipline," rather than its own separate sport, used to include rope climbing and other oddities. In fact, Olympic rope climbing existed from 1896 through 1932. And something known as ``club swinging" was contested in 1904 and 1932. The Games also used to have cricket (1900), croquet (1900), golf (1900-1904), lacrosse (1904-1908), motor boating (1908), polo (1900-1936), rugby (1900-1924) and tug-of-war (1900-1920). So, sports change with the times, and trampoline appears to fit well enough into the 21st Century picture.

Here in Sydney, the competition will feature Parilla, ranked No. 4 in the world, and other bouncers hovering at the height of each trick, causing it to look dangerous without, according to Parilla, actually being so. She said her worst injury has been a sprained ankle.

By the way, the United States contingent in trampolining consists entirely of Parilla. She may be only 5-2, but ``I'm my own Olympic team," she said.

Behind the Shades

DAN WALSH

My life...it's kind of a funny thing. I usually stay up way too late then get up the next morning swearing to myself that I'll never stay up that late again before an 8:30 class. Here I am and I pulled another one of my all night sessions, complete with a trip to get some cigarettes at 3 in the morning. Maybe it was the rush of the first "all nighter" of the year, or maybe the company I was with on my little excursion, but there isn't that usual tiredness about me this morning.

Jon Sewell and I, your campus Fools At Large got it in our heads that it would be a really cool idea to stay up all night and go for a walk to get butts around 3 a.m. As we started underway, the idea that anything could and probably would happen had us excited. As we strolled along talking and analyzing our numerous failed attempts at a normal life, we thought it would be a good idea to try and get down to the river's edge, right by the Sunoco station. Well that went great till we both kind of fell part way down the slope, going through every thorn bush God was kind enough to create for us. So basically, we had reverted to acting like a couple of middle school kids, but hey, mentalities of a college kid do at times mimic that of a budding adolescent. We decided that we had to start heading back to the dorm, so once again we were off. I told Jon that I knew a short cut, which landed us in this dark plow field in the middle of nowhere. My confidence oozing with assurance, I felt that there was no way that we could get lost in Westfield. Once again, I seemed to be a little confused. We had to walk through a couple of back yards and go down a few dozen streets before we, rather Jon, realized where we were. I'd just like to apologize to whose ever field that was that we walked through.

Finally, 2 hours later we got to Stanley Park. We spent the next 20 minutes discussing the usual guy stuff, girls who we like, girls who don't know we exist and of course girls that Jon and I promised to never set up with any of our friends. All in all, it was a good time that I might have not shared had it been that Jon wasn't as deceased, just like me. Any way, I thought that I might leave you with bit of advice; if you find yourself at the end of your rope...tie a knot and swing. Or in my case, revert back to your preteen years and do something stupid.

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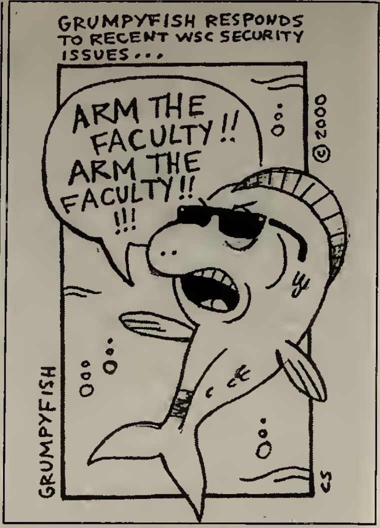
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Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Well, it's two o'clock in the morning, and I think that I've finally found the inspiration to write. See, I've had all week to do this, but let's face it, I'm a procrastinator. However, I'm supposed to report to jury duty in Springfield in about six hours. So I figure now would be a good time to start writing.

All day I've been trying to sit myself down in front of my computer and put some thoughts down. For some reason, I just couldn't do it. It wasn't for lack of material. As I stated last week, I've got plenty to say. I'm just not really sure where to start. In addition, I haven't felt quite right these past few weeks. I'm not really sure how to describe the feeling, other than to say my spirit has felt somehow restless. My family, friends, and I are all healthy and well. My job's great, my classes seem fine, and I seem to have been blessed with a great section this year. Yet still, I couldn't help but feel a general sense of unease about it all. It was almost as though I was trying to juggle too much, and I was waiting for my whole life to come crashing down.

The more I thought about this, the harder it was to write anything of value. Or at least anything coherent. Totally frustrated, I found myself wandering toward my friend

Dan Walsh's room. Immediately upon entering, I felt...well, I felt welcome. Dan's room looked just as Dan's room ought to look. Cigarette smoke lingered in the air, the black-light hairspray glowed on the ceiling, and Frank Sinatra posters looked down upon us from every wall. And suddenly it dawned on me. This is what had been missing. This is what the "college experience" was all about. Friends.

I have a whole lot of acquaintances here at WSC. As much as people confuse me, I truly like the people here. And I can honestly say I care about most everyone that I have met. But very few people here understand me. Sometimes I get the feeling that if I just up and left one day, not a whole lot of people would notice. There are a number of individuals, however, that I am pleased to call real friends. Dan is a great example. Within moments of entering his room, I was laughing again, and troubles seemed to just slip away. I had planned on stopping by to rant to him about the sorry state of my existence, and then be on my way. Three hours, one movie, and several cigarettes later, I felt recharged, and had the inspiration I needed to write this column.

My intention is not to turn this into a tear wrenching Hallmark moment. The point I'm trying to make is, it's really easy to get lost at college. It's easy to lose sight of who you are when trying to fit in with a certain crowd. Likewise, one can easily get so caught up in their studies that they totally overlook the vast social opportunities that WSC has to offer. Your true friends, however, are always a way to find your center, to refocus on what really matters.

Yes, finding your niche here in college is important. And obviously your studies are the reason you are here. But please, always treasure the times you have with the friends you make here at WSC, because that's what college is really about. I'm willing to bet that none of us are going to remember much of what was on that Child Psych midterm, but the memories of walks through Westfield at four in the morning, late night breakfasts at Bickfords, and entire days spent eating takeout and watching cheesy kung fu flicks are what will stay with us always.

Well, once again I'm finishing my column near sunrise. This may well become a tradition. Needless to say, I'm gonna be in pretty rough shape for jury duty in a few hours. And there's a good chance I'm not going to get all my work done for Tuesday. I'm not going to sit here and say that I don't care. However, I have the feeling that things are going to work out in the end. Oh, don't worry; there are still a lot of things that I'm going to rant about in the coming weeks. But I feel a bit more centered now. Things don't seem to be so out of control anymore. Because tonight I was reminded of what was really important.

And for that, I have Dan and the rest of my friends to thank.

The first general rule for friendship is to be a friend, to be open, natural, interested; the second rule is to take time for friendship. Friendship, after all, is what life is finally about. Everything material and professional exists in the end for persons.

-Nels F. S. Ferre

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

Kate's Rants

KATHERINE GOMES

From the time I was a little kid I knew that I would get a tattoo. It was an inevitable rite of passage like getting my license, graduating form high school or starting college. I didn't know what and I didn't know where. I just knew. It was a goal. "When I grow up I want to get married, be a doctor, have kids and get a tattoo." Over time I changed my mind several times about whether or not I actually want to get married and have kids. I know that I can't be a doctor (I had problems piercing ears when it was part of my job. I have always maintained, however, that I was going to get my tattoo.

My entire seventeenth year was spent giving thought to where I wanted it and what I wanted it to be. By the time I turned eighteen I had two already planned, my astrological sign, Virgo, and an original design of two unicorns. It was just a matter of which one was I going to get first. Months ago when my brother, Matt, asked me what were my plans for my eighteenth birthday, my natural response was, "My big brother is going to take me to get my tattoo."

My brother was the family's body mutating trailblazer. He was the first one in our entire family to ever get a tattoo. In fact, he has two. Soon following my older sister, Wendy, had her navel pierced. After that I knew anything that I'd do would be taken with a grain of salt. My parents had already gotten over the initial shock.

Everybody in my family knew it was going to happen. Several years back, Matt gave me advice on design choice. My mother, though she was not happy with the fact that I was "marring my flesh", was very supportive. She gave me placement suggestions and even helped me drag my brother out of bed so he could take me to get it. My dad didn't really say anything. I got the impression that he disapproved but that he knew it was going to happen sooner or later.

I went back home the weekend after my birthday purposely to get my tattoo. My brother took me to the edge in Pawtucket, RI. I decided I'd get my Virgo symbol first since it was the least expensive and smaller of the two. It's on my stomach as far down as it can be without being indecent. If the sign Virgo means "the virgin" and one is getting the symbol tattooed upon her person then the placement of that tattoo must be somewhere kinda skanky, right?

The tattoo artist was very friendly and patient. He told me that if at any point I needed a break he'd stop. A friend once told me that it felt "like some one digging the tip of a hot knife into your flesh", but to me it felt like some one taking a safety pin and rubbing it hard back and forth. Because of the placement of my symbol, it tickled a little when the tattoo artist moved my skin around. I giggled a little and that was not a good thing to do. I think it may have made him a little displeased with me.

I love my tattoo. I think it is the cutest thing I've ever seen. I still plan on getting my unicorns. They are going on my back. I just have to wait until I build up my revenue and my nerve.

K. Gomes is a Voice Columnist

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

Four souls were trapped within a theoretical hole. The Voice announced the parameters of the puzzle: "You are trapped within a hole eight feet deep, you cannot climb because the walls are made of soft sand. What will you do?"

The Pessimist declared an impasse. "I understand that I cannot climb, therefore I am trapped."

The Optimist declared an abandonment. "I have mentally attempted the climb and, based upon the parameters, I concede and therefore I am trapped as well."

The Realist pondered the problem a bit longer and, having thought things through, asked "How tall am I?" to which the voice responded "You are ten feet tall." The Realist immediately declared success.

The Spiritualist had all the while remained strangely silent.

I was watching "You Have Mail" last night for some odd reason and it occurred to me that whenever a computer is featured in a movie, it's always an Apple computer. "Independence Day", "Mission: Impossible", the list goes on. In the movies, everybody uses a Mac. I guess Hollywood really IS the land of make-believe.

While I'm on the subject of Hollywood, it's a medical fact that a red ribbon, nor a ribbon of any color, has ever saved a single life, but they do add a necessary dash of color to tuxedo lapels. This has been this week's installment of "Style over Substance."

Just whom are those toll booth people always talking to on the pbone, anyway?

Thank you to all of you who came by the Campus Carnival last week, a lot of work went into it and it was actually quite a relief to have the strong turnout that we did. Besides, normally you don't get to see Carrie Ales upside down. It was also good to see Justin McCauley, Sam Venator, and Linda Henrickson out and about. Each of you was instrumental to me in very specific ways and I miss the three of you very much.

I referred to this as a suitcase campus last week, and I stand by that statement. My thanks go out, however, to those organizations that are doing all that they can to change that. Prominent among them is the Campus Activities Board, led by Maggie Smith. I'm on the CAB also, because griping about things simply isn't enough. Calling attention to a legitimate problem is necessary but if you aren't willing to do something about it as well then I don't even want to hear it, man. And neither does anybody else, except for this one guy in Newark but I forget his name. As long as I'm getting all preachy about getting involved, do me a favor and take a look at Amnesty International. They're at http://www.amnesty.org/

Why are there handicap rails in the third floor bathrooms of Lammers Hall, a building (like most on campus) that isn't handicap accessible? That makes as much sense as picking up one of those guys hitchhiking on Franklin Ave.

On Friday I realized that I had misplaced my class schedule and, being an idiot, I'd neglected to copy it elsewhere. I also hadn't gotten it quite memorized because ADHD gets in the way of that type of thing. So I decided to go to the Registrar's office to get a new one printed. Then I realized that, following the move to 333, a trip to get anything done has become more than just a casual proposition. A bit of hassle, actually. So I've made the decision to wait until two or three things go horribly wrong and then handle them all at once... more economical that way. I'm really hoping that a problem will show up with my financial aid quickly so that I can get that schedule printed up before I miss many more classes...

> **"Then a realized that following the move to 333, a trip to get anything done has become more than just a casual proposition."**
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> -Chris Ward

How lame is it that we can't call off-campus information? Isn't that a local call? It's not like we all got phone books. How expensive could it be for the phone company to get us phone books? Westfield phone books are like four pages... double-spaced. Don't people in houses get them when they sign up? Hang tight, The Buddha on my desk has instructed me to donate the next twenty minutes of my life to you guys, listening to Papa Roach muzac, on hold getting an answer...

I'm back now. Okay Sparky, here's the deal, First off, a bit of a retraction. Last week I made reference to Verizonformerlymediaone. That was an error. It seems that AT&T Broadband was formerly Media One and they handle on-campus cable, and off-campus long-distance as well as on-campus long distance but on-campus (they're also in the internet business), local dialing is done by Verizon who does the job done by those formerly called ACSU, (or was it ASUC) who was actually a part of AT&T.

It's pretty simple when you put it all together like that. But anyway, it was an error on my part, and nothing rules more than correcting your errors before some smartass gets the chance. That really isn't the point, though. Figure the point out and let me know, all right? I'm not quite sure. About that phone book thing, I have to call back on Monday. I heard that sometimes the mailroom has them, sometimes not. I'll eliminate the middleman and get one direct. Hey, as long as I've got them on the line anyway I'll try to order 950 phone books and save everybody a call, all right? Just come by to get them quickly because I haven't told my roommate that I'm putting them under his bed. (You rule, Red!)

As far as campus phone books, they historically become available the day after everybody on campus already has all of their friend's numbers. No complaining about that one, though, they still have plenty of last year's to go around.

I've had just about enough of Westfield traffic. I sometimes try to be the guy driving responsibly and so I get in the right lane heading toward the school at the end of the line (as you may know, this is usually somewhere near McDonald's.) Even then you have to be aggressive, though. You need to stay right on the guy in front of you all the way to the bridge otherwise the people who skip into the right lane at the last minute will make sure that you're cut off more often than Teddy Kennedy barhopping on St. Paddy's Day.

In Dickinson Hall on the door of room B16 there's a message board that said "Some people say that God lives inside us. If He does I sure hope he likes enchiladas, because that's what he's getting." You girls got any more Jack Handy?

That's really cool that the Voice put Pres. Woodward's photo in the first issue, now I know what he looks like.

If there's something on your mind, something so unfair or absurd that it just begs attention drawn to it why not put down the rifle and the manifesto and try getting in touch with me instead? Seamus2003@ Yahoo will do the trick. No, I'm not already running short on material. As a matter of fact, next week will be the first installment of "Great Moments in WSC History."

Think twice about a rear window sticker, all right? They may say "Westfield State College" to you and me but to Westfield cops they say, "I've probably got an open container, why not see?"

This week, Shippy say, "The bigger they are, the worse they normally smell."

I gotta split now, though, I promised my Buddha that we could go to Wal-Mart to count mullets. He likes to sit on the dashboard. Peace and balance.

Chris Ward Is a Voice Columnist

Careless Thoughts

CARRIE JANIK

A very good friend of mine came to visit me this weekend. He graduated from Westfield State College and was very involved in the Residential Life while he was here. We got to talking about how I am one of six very different personalities that live in an on campus apartment. He is a firm believer that girl apartments are evil. After living here for about two weeks I can definatly see the potential for drama. We came up with some stages that girl apartments go through. Guys, I know this is geared towards girls but you are the ones that are going to be listening to us gripe so you might find this information useful.

Stage 1- The "Honey Moon Stage"- Everyone is excited to move in and feel that it is going to be a happy version of the Real World. You make plans for roommate dinners and decorated the common room together. During this stage the dishes are always done and everyone thinks it is great that everyone is so different that that they can learn from each other.

Stage 2- "Reality Sets In" The newness has worn off a little. Peoples true colors begin to surface. The fact that someone always leaves their homework on the couch is annoying. The fact that one roommate always puts a coaster under your drink used to seem endearing but now it is irritating. None of these annoyanecs are vocalized but trouble is a brewin'.

Stage 3- "The Honey Moon is Over" At this point the little quirks of everyone's persona begin to be talked about. You know you are in this stage when you start checking around the apartment to make sure the rommate you are annoyed with isn't there so you can vent about them. This is also the stage that rommates drop not so tactful hints like "Everytime I clean the apartment two seconds later it is dirty again, isn't that weird?"

Stage 4- "The First Fight" This is when the fact your favorite jeans are missing again sends you over the edge and you lash out at your unsuspecting roomie. The pent up anguish from the weeks prior are spewed out in a fit of rage. Usually both roommates end up crying and running to their rooms. This is most likely followed by a swallowing of pride,a knock at the door and a vow that she will never take your favorite Calvin's again, she swears.

Stage 5- "The Roommate Meeting"- If you are at the stage people are probably eating your favortite Ben and Jerry's and still taking your jeans without asking. There is cascade of dishes are sitting in the sink because mysteriously no one used them so they aren't washing them and there is no phone because someone left the cordless of the hook and it ran out of batteries (again). Everyone sits down and puts it all on the table at the infamous roommate meeting. There is screaming, there is bickering and eventually more crying. If the meeting is successful then there is a group hug, if it is unsuccessful then there is the sound of slamming doors.

Stage 6- "Make it or Break it" This is the moment of truth. During this stage either the meeting worked and a group effort is being made to all live in peace or it gets worse. When I say gets worse I mean cat fights, ganging up on each other, not even sharing ketchup anymore and yes more crying.

Hopefully, it won't get to this point for any of us. Of course there will be fights and some irritating weeks but just remember there is no such thing as perfection. Everyone has to give a little even if it means not blaring Ben Harper on the stereo every night because not everyone thinks he speaks to them like you do. If all else fails, just laugh and realize that cveyone is like they are for a reason, though we may never find out what that reason is, it is probably valid and makes perfect sense to them. And whats a semester without a little drama to liven it up?!?!

C. Janik is a Voice Columnist

■ 'Reinforcers'

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there. Tudor said of his cycling performance on his Serrotta bicycle, "My speedometer hit 27 mph which was faster than I had ever biked before."

Even though the Reinforcers did not have the winning time of an astonishing 2:15:55, they all were very enthusiastic about their performanec. Tudor had greatly improved his health over the two months prior to his race logging 2,000 miles. When asked about how the psychology department got involved in this undertaking he praised Claudia. "Claudia was the architect of the project," he said.

This triathlon was the second time Canoeists Jackson and Hayes had launched off together. This second display of teamwork suggests they will be a team into the future.

Meanwhile Tudor will be entering in "The Century River Ride" which is a local 1 OO-mile bicycle race. The team is hoping to do even better next year. As a department and as athletes they are a very inspiring group. They bring a "To compete is to win" maxim to their sports and their studies.

They also prove that older people can continue the sports they enjoy. There is more to these people than the courses they teach. The Josh Billings Runaground Triathlon has been held annually

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Meanwhile at M.A.R.A.S.A

NICK GENGARELLY

One out of every five men will commit rape or some act of sexual assault. Have you ever asked yourself what the other four men will do? They might call it a night, go home alone, or make sure someone makes it to their door safely. Let us focus on these men, the positive men, the good men, the men of M.A.R.A.S.A.

M.A.R.A.S.A was founded last year in the realms of Scanlon Hall as six men came together with a common vision and a shared dream. The name itself which stands for Men Against Rape And Sexual Assault was conceived by Stephen Boykin, the Resident Director of Scanlon. He then joined forces with five others as the first meeting was held.

The six men sat for hours listening to one another and spewing forth ideas trying to articulate their thoughts. There was so much to say, so much they wanted to do, and yet it was still so early. Men had to be educated, had to be taught how to stay out of uncomfortable sexual situations. Who better than to lead them and catechize them than other men. That's why the men of M.A.R.A.S.A are here, to spread the wealth, which is knowledge, to educate men, to protect women, and to better our community.

As men ourselves we want to achieve and maintain a positive image. To do this we want to teach others how to treat women with equality and respect. By passing our insight on to others we hope to instill it even deeper in ourselves and create a chain of wisdom and chivalry that will one day bind together all men. To be able to erase the word "rape" from the dictionary, a word that holds so much power and so many feelings within it, yet all used in wrong ways. To disintegrate rape would regenerate all.

MISSION STATEMENT

M.A.R.A.S.A empowers males to work as allies with women in preventing rape and other forms of men' s violence. Through awareness to action, education and community organizing, we promote gender equity and provide men with resources and opportunity to challenge themselves and others to end sexual violence.

M.A.R.A.S.A and its six founding members; Steph Boykin, Fran Henderson, Wes Jackson, Josh Adams Billy Sellers, and I, Nick Gengarelly, are strongly encouraging other men to join us in our movement against rape and sexual assault. Our first public interest meeting was held on Wednesday September 20th at 8:30 in the Scanlon Living room. All men are welcome to attend future meetings whether they have signed up or not and are urged to bring others who show any interest in our cause.

M.A.R.A.S.A has now made its emergence onto the WSC campus and is ready to begin walking toward our many visions and achieving our goals. With the help and spirit of others we intend to engulf this school with knowledge and adoration as M.A.R.A.S.A takes off and flies the banner of equality behind it.

N. Gengarelly is a Voice Columnist

This Year's Ice Hockey Club

This is a very exciting time for the upcoming 2000-2001 season. "We have a solid core of returning players, along with several talented freshmen" says Coach Ward. "This year's squad has added talent, some much needed speed, goaltending, and most important, depth", adds Coach Ward. Matt Fontaine, team captain and leading scorer the past two season leads the way. Fellow seniors Mike Fitzgerald and Mike Lucenta bring their 28 combined points back. Jeff Kazukynas, who led the team in powerplay goals last season, returns as well. Rounding out the senior forwards returning is Matt Goodwin, who will be vying for more time. Junior Peter Hayes brings back his team leading 16 assists.

The Owls return two mainstays on defense. Brian Huggon and Steve Mortarelli will lead the young group of talent on the blueline for half of the season. Both will earn their degree in January. Huggon led all defensemen in points last season, while Mortarelli gives Coach Ward experience and reliability.

Returning underclassmen include forward/defensemen Brian Donnelly. Donnelly will be looking to contribute to the offense more this season. Other underclassmen include defensemen Matt Merriam and forward Ryan Hilsdon. Both will be looking for more time this season.

The incoming freshmen are abundant and talented. The Owls will be looking to add about fifteen new faces. Several will be looked to make immediate contributions. One such player could be freshmen transfer Matt Chelli, from AIC. Chelli brings speed and scoring to the offense. Andy Krantz, from Mount Saint Charles could be another freshmen that could make an immediate impact. Other freshmen that Coach Ward will be looking to are Bobby Shaw from Holyoke H.S. and James Carrapella from Staten Island. Other freshmen looking to make a name for himself include Mike Pallazolla and Peter Couture from Gloucester H.S., Sean Walsh from Braintree H.S., Brad Kent from Scituate H.S. and Peter Weiss from Xaverian.

Rounding out the freshmen are defensmen Kevin Pelkey, Keith Nadeau, Ken Hetzel and Steve Savage. They all come to the Owls after playing last season in prominent Junior Hockey programs. Mark Carresquillo (Natick H.S.) joins this talented bunch.

Lastly, Coach Ward brings in two talented goaltenders. Junior transfer Chad McGillicuddy started for Worcester State Last season. Ardian Kalezic hails from Staten Island, NY. Both give the team a much needed one two punch.

"We have improved in every category from last season. We have high expectations this year. We have a strong defense, speed, scoring, goaltending, and two very important elements: youth and depth. People will take notice of our program. They won't have a choice", says Coach Ward.

-Coach Brian Ward

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Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

Hello, I hope everyone's had a chance to visit the Big E. I attended the first night with my girlfriend, Mo, short for Morgan, and it was awesome! Anyway, I'd like to respond to some of what Mr. Ward said in his "The Cut" column last week.

What he refers to as, "Newspeak" is, simply, a sign that we are in a more enlightened, more accepting time, than ever before. So called, "Indians" were given this name by Columbus, who thought he had "discovered" India. He was wrong. He had landed in the Americas. Therefore, the logical term for these people, who Columbus called, "savages", is Native Americans! If they are Indians, what are people from India?

So-called "Blacks," have been called several different terms, throughout history, which don't need to be repeated. The term, "black," is inappropriate for two reasons. First of all, they aren't all, totally black. Africans have many different shades of skin color, as do people of other races, including Europeans. This would rule out the term 'colored' as well, since everyone is somewhat 'colored', except albinos.

A second reason, is that the term 'black' has been, and is still, used in literature and religion to represent evil. Many people associate black with death and wear black clothes at funerals. So, the logical and more sensitive term is, 'African-Americans.'

The term, 'crippled', for people with disabilities isn't something I think anyone, including Mr. Ward, would want themself, or anyone close to them to be labeled as. This term implies helpesness and, generally, conjures up the image of someone in a hospital bed, or in a coma. The term 'handicapped', although a slight improvement, comes from the time when people with disabilities went begging from door to door, with their cap in their hand. Most people are, probably, unaware of this, but ignorance is no excuse. I myself, visually impaired, wouldn't want to be called either one of these, and I'm sure my girlfriend, who is blind, wouldn't either.

I could give more examples, but there's no need to beat a dead horse. I will agree with with Mr. Ward that calling dorms 'residence halls' is unnecessary. I would not want to consider any one of them as my 'residence!' However, I think we can differentiate between people and buildings.

K. Heaton is a Voice Columnist

Delgado hopes to help students

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Junior Delgado and I am a new professional staff member with Career Services. My role on campus will be to work closely with members of the graduating class in all activities related to career planning and preparing for the professional world of work or graduate study.

A relatively recent graduate from Clark University, I majored in Spanish and Education. My initial professional goal was to teach Spanish at the high school level. After a few years teaching in local schools, I realized how much I enjoyed working with college-bound students and jumped at an opportunity to recruit for one of our neighboring colleges, the Elms. Although much of my time was spent on the road, I continued my community service activities in the Westfield area as much as possible. One of my favorite activities is working down at the YMCA where I supervise the Saturday night teen and youth program. The youth who come by look for role models, and seek out advise on all sorts of things, including college. This work led toy next adventure.

I have always thought about working in higher education in a capacity that would allow me to help students explore and reach their full potential: as students, as contributing members of a community, and as professionals. This opportunity in Career Services provided just what I was looking for. As Coordinator of Senior Services, I will plans a number of activities with the class, including career days, on-campus recruitment, job fairs, and professional seminars and workshops. I am eager to discuss new ideas and anxious to get to know students on an individual basis. Another goal of mine is to work closely with students from underrepresented backgrounds – communicating the wide range of programs and opportunities that may be of interest to these individuals.

Westfield State is not a strange place to me. A local resident, I have spent considerable time in the library and gym. My wife, Jennifer received her baccalaureate here in May, where she studied in the Art Department.

Jeff's Cinema Scoop

JEFF CARTER

The Sony Pictures executives hate me. They really, really hate me. Just after my first column went to print last week, they up and pushed the production on Spider-Man back to January, so they could move it up into the much more lucrative summer market.

According to a press release by Columbia (the distributors of the movie) "The start date makes possible a production and post-production schedule that will enable the film's creators to realize their ambitious vision for "Spider-Man" and bring Marvel's worldwide comic book icon to life."

The film will now debut on May 3, 2002 thereby rendering the information I provided in my debut column invalid ! Oh well, Spider-man now joins an absolutely HUGE summer 2002 lineup that already includes the second Lord of the Rings film, Matrix 2, and Star Wars: Episode II.

Speaking of the still-untitled second installment of the Star Wars "Prequel" trilogy, I could just about fill an entire issue of the Voice with all the recent developments that have come out of camp Lucas in the last few months. Even though George has his sets and locations guarded by the entire U.S. Marine Corps, twelve dozen rabid timber-wolves, a shark-infested moat, and a chained-up-without-food Rosie O Donnel, information about the much-anticipated prequel is plentiful. Filming took place recently in Austrailia, Tunisia, Spain, and Italy, and is just about complete.

Little is known about the story thus far, but what we do know for sure is we will finally see (at least some of) the CLONE WARS, the wedding of Anakin and Amidala, Anakin's fall to the dark side, and several large lightsaber battles. Episode II will also feature a dramatic lightsaber duel in a rainstorm between Obi-Wan Kenobi and Boba Fett's father "Jango" Fett. Boba himself will appear as 12 or 13 year old.

The new villain for Episode II is supposedly a very nasty Sith Lord by the name of Darth Tyranus who uses shorter, dagger-like lightsabers. The prequel will also explore the origins of Luke's Uncle Owen and Aunt Beru, who will be played by mostly-unknown actors Joel Edgerton and Bonnie Piesse.

Former NYPD Blue stud Jimmy Smits joins the cast as Bail Organa, who will become Princess Leia's adoptive father. Horror Movie legend Christopher Lee also signed on and is rumored to be playing a sinister character named Count Dooku.

19-year old Canadian actor Hayden Christensen beat out Ryan Phillipe for the coveted role of the grown up Anakin Skywalker, and Natalie Portman will reprise her role as the beautiful Queen Amidala. Rounding out the cast is Pernilla August as Shmi Skywalker, Ian McDiarmid as Senator Palpatine, Samuel L. Jackson as Mace Windu, Frank Oz as Yoda, Anthony Daniels as C-3PO, and Ahmed Best as the alien everyone loves to loathe, Jar Jar Binks!

That's it for this week kids, I'm exhausted. For more info on Star Wars II, check out www.theforcenet.com and www.starwars.com. See you next week!

J. Carter is a Voice Columnist

Straight from the Source

WES JACKSON

What's up WSC? It's Wes back again to bring you another week of the latest in hip-hop "Straight From The Source." Well I have to tell you about some on-campus news first. WSKB is back in business and I have to say thank you to all the people that came out to the Interest Meeting in order to get a spot a show on the station.

Since I am the Hip-Hop director at WSKB, I have to say that I am very happy to see all the hip-hop people that wanted a show. Even though, we could not get everyone a spot, there are a lot more hip-hop and R&B DJs this year so look in the A&E section of the Voice to check out those DJs and make sure to call them to let them know that you are listening. The number to the station is x5427, which spells LIAR, so listen to all those DJs not to mention my show which is Monday night 8pm to 10pm with Charles Holden (I know this is a cheap plug for my show, but hey I got to do what I got to do). Now here is the latest in the hip-hop world,

"Straight From The Source":

The very first thing that I have to report is that Priority Records is starting a little buzz with the latest news that they have signed a new "white rapper" who is "doper than Eminem."

First of all, if the first thing you have to focus on about this alleged "white" rapper is that he is "white," then something is definitely wrong because we need to stop classifying rappers due to their color and focus on their skills as MCs. Forget where they are from or how many jewels they got around their necks and wrists. Secondly, if this rapper is better than anyone, not just Eminem, than have him step up to the mic and show the skills, but until then don't say that this rapper is better than anyone until the rapper makes a hit record that sells millions like the Eminems, Jay-Zs, or any of the top selling rappers out there now. Until then this person is just some rapper out there that no one but Priority Records and that person's friends know about.

Oh yeah, I also have to tell Priority Records that the word "dope" went out with last rapper that had comparisons with Eminem and I think his name was Vanilla Ice and where is he now, probably on the corner somewhere singing "Ice Ice Baby" for other people's spare pocket change.

Now that I have gotten that off my chest let me tell you about another story that has been causing a little scare in the world of music. Left Eye from TLC has been missing since August 31st. The uncertainty of Left Eye's whereabouts started when the rapper missed a scheduled press conference in Las Vegas.

Her record label, Arista Records, believed that Left Eye was off somewhere with her current boyfriend, and I am happy to tell you that the house-torching diva is fine. She was seen on "Inside Edition" when the show rolled a tape of Left Eye and her boyfriend Sean Newman outside a hotel in New Orleans.

Also word has it that TLC is taking a break right now so that each member can focus on individual projects. Left Eye looks to be the first member to have an album come out in stores early next year.

Does every hip-hop fan remember Keith Murray. Most likely you have and you should also know that Murray has been behind bars for the past 23 months after being convicted of second-degree assault. Murray was convicted of this assault after hitting a man named David Hughes over the head with a barstool. Well, next Wednesday for the second time in three months, Erick Sermon and Redman will take to the steps of the Capitol building in Hartford, CT to rally for the support and release of Keith Murray.

They want Keith Murray to be released because his supporters claim that when David Hughes was struck that Murray was actually standing next to Hughes' brother, Latif, and was nowhere near the incident. Keith Murray was just a victim of someone wanting more money and knowing that a star was in the building and was the victim of circumstance.

DMX is in the news again. For something good this time. Fresh off dissing the MTV music awards (VMAs) for the second straight year, DMX has inked a publishing deal with Harper Entertainment for the rights to his autobiography, which is tentatively titled "DMX: A Dogz Life" and is due out next fall. The 29 year old DMX will team up with a music editor from "The Source" to chronicle the rapper's rise from his early days in a Yonkers housing project to his present success as a platinum-selling, multimedia star.

Also the book will include rare insights into DMV's inner world as seen though the prayers that he says on each of his albums to the ones that he says every day to himself, as well as extensive passages taken from his personal notebooks.

Currently, DMX is in Toronto filming "Exit Wounds" with Steven Seagal and Isaiah Washington.

Well that's the news for this week, make sure to read "Straight From The Source" each week…ONE LOVE!!!!

Wes Jackson is a Voice columnist

Upcoming AlbumReleases
Out Now!

2 Skinnee J's: Volumizer
Joan Osborne:
LL Cool J: G.O.A.T.
Shutdown: Few and Far Between

September 26

Cheap Trick: The Authorized Greatest Hits
David Bowie: Bowie at the BEEB
Soul Asylum: Black Gold: The Best of Soul Asylum
Nothingface: Violence
Snog: Relax into the Abyss
Madonna: Music

October 3

Grand Theft Audio: Blame Everyone
Indigo Girls: S/T (reissue)
Ja Rule:
Radiohead: Kid A
Masterminds: Joints 2000 12"
Tony Bennett: The Ultimate Tony Bennett

The Lake

By Magaly Santana

The quiet ripples of the lake catch my view
However no wind brushes against its surface,
No fish tickles the lake's wrinkled wet face with its lips,
No animal thirsts for it's refreshing taste,
No one has dived into its cooling waters,
And no rock, stone or pedal has fallen into its drenched tingling ground.
I walk around it and I have yet to see
A fisherman launching its rod into the clear lake,
"Something" falling from the bright heavens that reflects through the mirrored waters,
People splashing their hands and holding the shiny liquid,
And rain trickling against the lake.
Looking around this wonder of nature I see
Only marshmallow clouds quilted against the sky,
Bees hovering pleasantly around the scattered flowers in the meadow,
The green grass running away from my sight,
And a dirt path returning to the city's modern life.
The ripples of the lake again catch my sight,
But all I see is the reflection of an unknown creature,
Staring back into mine eyes.

ANONYMOUS

One.
The way it rolls
The way it feels
To one so young
The excitement it brings.
I have never had this experience before
I'll never have it again.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Kyle Murphy

Jed Dion
A&E Editor

WSKB kicked off last week, with the first week of shows of the semester. Many new faces have appeared in the studio, but one face that is familiar is that of returning DJ, Kyle Murphy. Murphy holds down the 8 to 10pm slot every Wednesday night. Murphy is joined by co-host Smike, the very man who trained Murphy three semesters earlier.

The duo like to play punk and a little hardcore. Some of the groups featured on the show are Pennywise, Face to Face, Strung Out and H2O. "Punk is just fun music," said Murphy.

The show features contests as well as music. "We have people call up with a good trivia question, then we ask the question over the air. Who ever gets it right gets a prize. Who ever supplies the question gets a prize too," said Murphy.

"My friends all had shows and said it was a lot of fun, so I decided to check it out," said Murphy on how he became interested in doing a radio show.

Murphy, a Senior has attended Westfield State College all four years and is majoring in Music Theory and Composition.

"Westfield State is out in the middle of nowhere but it seems like more interesting people come here every year," said Murphy, who calls Ledyard, CT his home.

Besides entertaining people with the punk music he plays over the air, Murphy likes to make music of his own. Bass guitar and saxophone are two instruments Murphy has learned to play. He also enjoys cycling.

Murphy was glad to see the one hundred fifteen people who showed up for the interest meeting for WSKB.

"Its shows that people actually want to do something on campus. Its good to see so many people coming out to do something," said Murphy.

Murphy doesn't have any real plans for after graduation.

"I'm just going to continue my education and see where life takes me," said Murphy.

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Joe Skahan punk/ska 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Nate Germain new 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Chris & Matt punk 8-10am		
Stephani Poole new 10-12pm	Andy Lamica new 10-12pm	The Duck & Venus 10-12pm	Brian Harmon ska/punk 10-12pm	Steve Camera punk 10-12pm	Joe & Katie new 10-12pm	Amanda & Holly new 10-12pm
Scott Toomey 12-2pm	Brian Mazzone 12-2pm	Michelle & Jeff 12-2pm	Nathan 12-2pm	Mike Berman 12-2pm	Bob, Corey & Brenda 12-2pm	Nick 12-2pm
Matt & Justin hip-hop/80's rock 2-4pm	Jon & Jon new & retro 2-4pm	Melissa & Kelly 2-4pm	Cyclone J new 2-4pm	Kevin & Bobb new 2-4pm	Amy & Andrea 2-4pm	Mike & Jeff jazz 2-4pm
Mike Boyd punk 4-6pm	Jim Cartier new 4-6pm	Kay Saltmarsh mix 4-6pm	Dj Renzi & co. talk/music 4-6pm	Eileen2 celtic 4-6pm	Bob & Matt new 4-6pm	Music For Your Mind 4-6pm
Melissa Saporetti 6-8pm	Ska/Punk & Other Junk 6-8pm	Warhead Show w/ Jeff Carter 6-8pm	Mark Hite metal 6-8pm	Andy Clark metal 6-8pm	Mike Dion new 6-8pm	Doc B. jazz 6-8pm
Wes & Charles hip-hop 8-10pm	Mike, Chris, Laurel & Jeff 8-10pm	Smike & Kyle punk 8-10pm	Josh Thomson ska/punk 8-10pm	April Bak new/loud 8-10pm	Saturday Night Live in the Ely Campus Center. Check it out from 8-12am Prizes!	Time Warp to the 80's 8-10pm
Everyone Loves Emo 10-12am	Andy McArdle 10-12am	Shawn & Martin electronic 10-12am	Eric & Tim 10-12am	James & Mike 10-12am		Lamont Stockey hip-hop 10-12am
Tim & Amy electronic 12-2am	Dave, Stephan & Greg 12-2am	Mike & Christian 12-2am	Kim & Katey new 12-2am	Steve Knachel 12-2am	Blake & Ryan 12-2am	Mark, Kevin & Shannon 12-2am
		Dave Lucander 2-4am				

Great New Effort From Soulfly

MARK HITE

Having a bad day and looking to release a little aggression? If you are, look no further than the new Soulfly CD, Primitive.

Lead singer/guitarist Max Calavera and company are back and aren't taking any prisoners with this new disc. Primitive is the band's tight sounding sophomore effort off Roadrunner Records.

The CD provides the ultimate mix of heavy songs that combine elements of metal, hardcore, rap, and even music from Calavera's home country of Brazil. The sound is fresh and innovative however Calavera is not stranger to the metal scene.

Max Calavera was the front man for famed metal act Sepultura for 15 years before leaving the band in 1997. After the split, Calavera found himself suffering through one of the hardest times he had ever faced. Not only did he face the pain of spliting with the hand that was like a family to him, he was also dealing with the death of his stepson Dana.

The release of some of these emotions came with Soulfly's (Calavera's new band) self title debut in 1998. The band immediately gained popularity on the Ozzfest tour of that year taking the stage with several up and coming metal acts.

Two years have passed since then and Calavera is still pouring aggression into the music Soulfly produces.

"With this album, it's about turning anger into something positive," Calavera said in a recent interview. "The world is in a weird place. There is a lot of chaos. You can hear that in the music today, the music we create."

That quote couldn't be any more true when it comes to Soulfly's Primitive.

The disc starts off with the musical punch in the face "Back to the Primitive" that acts as a virtual theme song to the aggressive feel of the entire disc. This leads to other teeth rattling track such as "Bring It", "Mulumbo", and "Fly High".

Most of the songs are hardcore based but within many of them you can hear Calavera's Brazilian musical influences in the form of congos, tribal drum beats, and many other different instruments.

Calavera's performance on the disc is commanding to say the least providing the listener with throat tearing vocals that fit the music perfectly. However, lets not forget that he didn't do this disc alone. New members Mikey Doling and Joe Nunez add the perfect touch to the disc with their own brutal styles on guitars and drums.

The main surprise with Primitive is the impressive plethora of guest appearances made by several of Calavera's friends within the music industry. Chino (Deftones) and Grady (Will Haven) appear in the head banging track "Pain".

Corey #8 from Slipknot performs a duet with Calavera on the song "Jumpdaf**kup" that I doubt you will hear on any love station.

Slayer front man Tom Araya throws in his metal expertise on the track "Terrorist". These are just a few of the many contributing artists on can find on Primitive.

Calavera has often been refered to as the "Bob Marley of Metal" because of his undying connection to his home land. The odd part of that title is that Marley's long time designer Neville Garrick designed the colorful cover art for Primitive. The CD cover features the bright colors of Brazil's flag with a soaring black eagle rising above it all.

So if you have had it with the washed up alternative rock scene, check out Soulfly's Primitive for all your metal needs and more. It provides songs that are fueled by aggression yet is uplifting both spiritually and mentally. More reviews can be found at Mark's site www.geocities.com/thatdude66.

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Barenaked New Album

By Jessica Norden
Voice Reporter

If any of you that live on campus actually get a good radio station in your room that comes in without static, listen up. For the past few weeks, you may have heard the new Barenaked Ladies single, "Pinch Me" on the radio or have even seen the video on TV. This is a good CD to spend your money on.

If some of you are like me, you probably didn't even want to hear the song "One Week" after it was consistently played on the radio, summer of '99, or ever listen to the Barenaked Ladies again. Well, I didn't, but I actually listened to their new CD, entitled, "Maroon" and it is really not that bad.

Their new single, "Pinch Me" has a catchy tune and makes you want to listen to it repeatedly.

One song that will hopefully be their next single is the song, "Falling for the First Time" which begins with the verse, "I'm so cool, too bad I'm a loser ..." and the song just gets better from there adding in the lyrics, ". .. I'm so smart, too bad I can't get anything figured out. I'm so brave, too bad I'm a baby. I'm so fly, that's probably why it feels just like I'm falling for the first time."

When I first heard their new single, I thought that it was going to be played out just like other hit songs are played out in just a few weeks. "Pinch Me" is really good and it hasn't been played a lot on the radio. The CD as a whole sounds a lot like Barenaked Ladies meet Phish, which is a good combination of music. My personal favorite songs are "Baby Seat" and "Falling for the First Time," They bring a serious point of view to the various array of songs and make you want to listen to the rest of the CD.

"Tonight is the Night I Fell Asleep At the Wheel," is the final song to a great CD, and kind of brings a calming end to a somewhat upbeat and peppy album.

The song begins with the words, "Driving home to be with you, the highway's dividing, the city's in view. As usual, I'm almost on time. You're the last thing that's on my mind. I wish I could tell you the way that I feel, but tonight is the night I fell asleep at the wheel." To me, the song describes how the person got into a car accident trying to get home. I enjoyed the CD more than I thought I would, and hopefully you will too. So go out and get the Barenaked Ladies new CD, "Maroon." It's worth the money if it's the kind of music you listen to.

Three and Out

By Brian Burke
Voice Reporter

The Budweiser clock read 11:30 and Lloyd's Hill began to take the stage on Friday, September 15th, at Tilly's Irish Restaurant and Pub in Springfield. The crowd was small, but began to grow towards the end of their first song. The boys came out pumped up and shook Tilly's to the core with their powerful, loud song "Bending Time". The first thought that ran through my head when Bobb starting singing was.... "Creed". There was a powerful first impression made on myself and, I'm sure, anyone else who was hearing Lloyd's Hill's music for the first time. They didn't waste any time getting going on their next tune; the fast-paced"Beholder." Following "Beholder," the bartender came up to the stage to ask the band if they could turn down the music. Not surprisingly, the band was offended and shocked.

They went on playing their third song of the night, "Small Town." Bobb, with his Red Sox hat down low over his eyes, belted out the lyrics, which pulsated through the crowd and echoed back with bobbing heads and smiles. They were into it; they were just warming up; and I could tell this was going to be a great show. However, Jackie the bartender struck again. She came up to the stage again and told Bobb that they had to lower the volume. An irritated Kevin Buckingham said, "We talked to the owner and told him we played loud rock music!" Jackie didn't seem to know that if you lower the volume of the guitars and vocals than all you are left with is an overpowering drum solo.

A stunned, hushed crowd sat speechless until a fan in the rear yelled, "Let's leave! This place sucks!" This was a rock and roll show; not an opera, and everyone knew it except for the ignorant bartender who obviously didn't understand the passion and meaning behind the music. After a few minutes of discussion between the band members, D.J. strolled to the bar and politely bargained with the bartender. Meanwhile, the rest of the band argued over whether they should submit to Jackie's attempted censorship and play low, or play as loud as they could and cause more problems, or just not play at all and keep their dignity. Then, after twenty minutes of contemplating, Matt stormed out of the bar to have a smoke and Bobb recited the best lyric of the night; "Lloyd's Hill is leavin'!"

Oregon Underground, a band consisting of Martin Lee on the congas and Jason Renslow on guitar and vocals, opened for Lloyd's Hill. Jason, dressed in a recycled, baby blue, ruffled shirt from the seventies, let out passionate, explosive outbursts of lyrics while Martin kept the beat. They ended on the song, "Biggest Fan" and Jason Renslow, seemingly possessed by the spirit of Gordon Gano from the Violent Femmes, stepped off stage leaving everyone with a smile on their face and a great, catchy tune in their head. Martin and Jason did a great job considering they were playing with only two instruments and were missing their bassist, Sean Davis.

Lloyd's Hill consists of: Bobb Burgess, (acoustic guitar/lead vocalist), Kevin Buckingham (lead guitar), D.J. Renzi (guitar/cello), Justin Lamarre (bass), and Matt Hall (drums). Lloyd's Hill has been together for one and a half years and is one of the premiere bands on campus here at WSC. The band used to play at the Northside Grille in downtown Westfield up until a few months ago, when the bar closed down.

Lee Prosperi, a man who came to hear a full night of local music, shook D.J.'s hand and said, "Hey dude, for what it's worth; you sounded great!"

A disappointed Jason Renslow, sitting slouched at the bar as he watched Lloyd's Hill file out, complained, "I came here to see a rock and roll show and all I got was three songs. That sucks!"

Renslows' and Prosperis' quotes show how sad it was that Jackie cut the night short. Even though Lloyd's Hill only played three songs, there was a bond formed between them and the audience. They were good, and it's sad that the show couldn't go on. However, personally, I would rather have seen them walk off and refuse to be controlled, than have their pride swallowed up in Jackie's ignorance. It was three outs and the end of the inning but Lloyd's Hill won the game.

New City Ordinance

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MATT BOHONOWICZ
PSYCHOLOGY
2001

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STEVE WEST & DJ CONWAY
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AMANDA JENKINS
ELEM. ED./THEATRE
2001

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RHIANNON D'ANGELO
POL. SCIENCE
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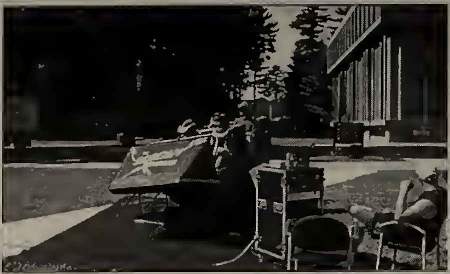

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Soccer

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 11 by 6:30 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 233

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Billiards

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting Wed. Oct. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Ely 233

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5-5 Basketball

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 6:30 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 233

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Co-ed Volleyball

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 7:00 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Ely 233

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Water Polo

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 7:30 p.m.

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Intramural Ice Hockey...

Meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at 6 p.m. in Ely 233

All Intramural workers must check the work schedule for the week located in the hallway outside Ely 231

Intramural Standings

Flag Football (W-L-T)	
Team Pig	5-0
Airball	3-0
House of Pain	2-0-1
Golden Showers	1-0
AAF	1-0-1
T&A	3-1
1 in the Sink	2-1
Dirty Dozen	1-2
Sunset Bombers	1-3
P. Clams	1-3
Wyld Stallyons	0-1
Raw Dawgs	0-2
War Pigs	0-3
Titans	0-4

1-Pitch Softball (W-L-T)	
Spearing Britney	4-0
Raw Dawgs	1-0
Mandelay	1-1
Golden Showers	0-1
Dirty Dozen	1-4
Team Pigs	0-2

Football Squad Edged By Fitchburg State, 7-3

WESTFIELD - Junior fullback Steve Maze of Quincy rushed for 114 yards on 25 carries and scored the game's only touchdown to lead Fitchburg State to a 7-3 New England Football Conference victory over Westfield State.

Fitchburg is 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC. The Owls dropped to 0-2 and 0-1.

Maze's four-yard touchdown run with 6:06 left in the third quarter capped a five-play, 32-yard drive for the Falcons. The TD drive was set up by senior linebacker Jason Smith's outstanding one-handed interception near the sidelines.

Westfield scored on its first offensive series of the game on a 21-yard field goal by John Frasco. The score was set up when Chris Bourget completed a 43-yard reception to David Eaton to the Fitchburg two-yard line on Westfield's first offensive play.

It was one of the few bright spots for the Owls as they were held to 123 net yards in total offense. Junior running back Shawn Lyman of West Springfield rushed for 84 yards on 22 carries.

The Owls did threaten to score following Maze's touchdown, moving the ball to the Fitchburg 18-yard line midway through the final quarter. But a holding call against Westfield during a pass completion to the 11 stalled the drive.

Fitchburg senior quarterback Nino DeCarolis completed 9 of 23 passes, with all but two attempts coming in the first half. The Falcons committed four turnovers, all in the first half.

Defensive standouts for Westfield were Tim Corr (12 tackles, 11 solos, two sacks); Dan Fitzgerald (10 tackles); Al Gates (8 tackles, two pass breakups; and Jaret Foley (seven tackles, one interception).

Cross Country Highlights

NORTH DARTMOUTH - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams finished 14th and 19th, respectively, at the U-Mass Dartmouth Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee was the first Westfield runner to cross the finish line, placing 36th in 26:47 over the five-mile course. He was followed by Jason Pappas (59th, 27:25); Andy Krantz (86th, 28:27); and Eric Nygard (88th, 28:30).

Trinity College won the meet with 63 points followed by New Haven with 74. Saiem State's Dan Smith was the individual champion with a 25:18 clocking.

In the women's race, Westfield's top runner was Southwick's Starr Hockenberry (106th, 21:15), followed by Kristi Popoff (109th, 21:16); Catie Geldert (114th, 21:24); Sara Sechovicz (156th, 22:23), and Laura Hurley (164th, 22:36).

Springfield standout Barbara Swallow won the 3.1 mile race is 17:41. Brandeis claimed the women's team title followed by Amherst.

Ken Stewart, left, and Al Gates (23) have been mainstays for the Westfield State football team's defense this season.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Westfield State sophomore goalkeeper Jill Annunciata patrols the area between the pipes during a recent field hockey game.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Westfield State junior Katie Simlick of Enfield, Conn., was named Mass. State Conference Player of the Week for leading the Owls to victories over Selem State and Fitchburg State.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Volleyball Team Wins Conference Openers

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State women's volleyball team opened Mass. State Conference action with straight set victories over Fitchburg State and Salem State.

The Owls swept Salem State 15-6, 15-7, 15-3, and Fitchburg State 15-6, 15-3, 15-3. Salem rallied past Fitchburg in the other match, 8-15, 14-16, 15-13, 16-4, 15-11.

Junior Katie Simlick of Enfield totaled three aces, 18 kills, two blocks and 12 digs in the two victories. Senior Larissa Farrell had six service aces, seven kills, and three blocks. Junior Sarah Cormier contributed 30 sets and five kills, while sophomore Katelyn Foley had 11 kills.

Williams Sweeps Westfield

WILLIAMSTOWN - Williams College defeated the Westfield State women's volleyball team in straight sets 15-6, 15-2, 15-4.

Westfield is now 2-2 overall.

Field Hockey Goes Overtime In Losses

Plymouth 3 - Westfield 2, OT

The Westfield State College field hockey team suffered a 3-2 overtime loss to Plymouth State.

Westfield is 2-4 overall and 0-2 in the Little East Conference following its second straight conference overtime setback. Plymouth State is 2-3 overall and 2-0 in conference play.

Sophomore Jill Matteson, a 5-11 forward from Chatham, Mass., carried the ball left to right across the field and scored the game-winning goal from 10 yards out with 10:46 left in the first overtime.

Plymouth State came back from 1-0 and 2-1 first-half deficits for the key road victory.

Juniors Mary Bishop of Enfield and Nikki Girolamo scored for the Owls. Credited with assists were Teri Phipps, Sara Monahan and senior captain Brooke Wadhams.

So. Maine 1 - Westfield 0, OT

GORHAM, Me. - The University of Southern Maine outscored Westfield State in the second series of penalty strokes to gain a 1-0 victory in a Little East Conference field hockey game on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The game was scoreless through 70 minutes of regulation play and two 15-minute sudden death overtime periods before being decided on penalty strokes. In the first series of five penalty strokes, neither team could put a shot past the goalies.

In the second series of strokes, Southern Maine's Brittany McClure and Sasha Ilkovich, the Huskies' first two shooters, put shots past Westfield sophomore goalie Jill Annunciata. Only junior Teri Phipps, Westfield's second shooter, was able to get the ball past junior keeper Andrea Guerette.

Annunciata finished with 12 saves, and stopped seven of the nine penalty strokes she faced.

The win snapped Southern Maine's two-game losing streak and improved its record to 4-3.

Westfield 4 - Elms 0

The Westfield State field hockey team evened its record at 2-2 with a 4-0 home victory over Elms College.

Westfield's first goal came with 10 minutes remaining in the first half; scoring was freshman Theresa Yacovone of East Longmeadow.

The Owls scored with 48 seconds left in the half and twice in the first 10 minutes of the second stanza. Junior Alison Pratt of Feeding Hills and freshman B.J. Dion of Waltham both tallied a goal and an assist.

Congratulations, Coach Whalley, Westfield State Alumnus of Year

Westfield State men's soccer head coach Paul Whalley received a prestigious honor last Thursday as he was named the 2000 Westfield State College Alumnus of the Year during convocation. The 1975 Westfield State graduate is co-owner of Whalley Computer Associates in Southwick. He was a senior captain on the 1974 Westfield State College team that placed third in the NCAA Division III national championships. Above, Whalley is shown chasing down the ball in an early 70s game when varsity soccer was played on the campus green. *Westfield State Athletics Department File Photos*

Men's Soccer Wins 2-0; Loses 2-0

Keene State College scored two quick goals in the first half to defeat the Westfield State men's soccer team, 2-0, in a battle between two of New England's top Division III teams on Sept. 20.

Keene, ranked sixth in New England, is 6-2 overall. Westfield is now 3-2 and ranked ninth in New England.

Robby Carson scored the game-winning goal after Westfield goalie D.J. Conway made a save out in front then couldn't locate the ball, which was right beside him. A Westfield defender cleared the ball; however, it went right to Carson who nailed the game-winner straight on from 20 yards out 14:22 into the game.

Senior forward Lakota Denton of Bernardston (Pioneer Valley High School) scored on a penalty kick seven minutes later for an insurance goal.

Keene outshot Westfield, 20-11.

Westfield State 2
Eastern Connnecticut 0

The Westfield State College men's soccer team posted a 2-0 home victory over Eastern Connecticut State on Monday, Sept. 18.

The Owls own a 3-1 record heading into their big home game this Wednesday vs. Keene State. Keene State is ranked sixth in this week's New England Division III poll; Westfield State is ranked ninth.

Senior Karl Labadorf scored the game-winning goal at the 23-minute mark on a 10-yard blast from the left side. Senior Chris Machado assisted on the goal.

Westfield scored an insurance tally at the 60-minute mark on a header by Edgar Ortiz following a long missed shot that deflected off the keeper's hands.

Westfield outshot the visitors, 18-6. Westfield goalie Nick Ammendolia had five saves.

Keene State Spoils Coach's Return

Women's Soccer
Keene State 3 - Westfield 0

KEENE, N.H. - Keene State blanked Westfield, 3-0 in a nonconference women's soccer game last Wednesday.

Keene improved to 3-4-1 with its second straight victory. Westfield State, which is coached by former Keene State All-America Heather Boisvere of West Springfield, is 2-3.

Keene capitalized on its two scoring opportunities in the first half. Lauren Dayne's first goal of the season gave Keene a 1-0 lead when her shot ricochet off the far post and into the net. Sarah Nordle made it 2-0 six minutes later on a penalty kick.

Tia Meiler added an insurance goal late in the game with blast from 23 yards out; it was her team-high seventh goal this season.

Keene outshot Westfield, 11-3.

Despite the loss, Boisvere enjoyed her return to Keene State.

"It was a great feeling to come back here," she said. "We didn't perform as well as they have in the past, but we have a young team and we're looking to build."

Westfield 2 - Smith 0

The Westfield State women's soccer team won its second straight game by shutting out Smith College, 2-0 on Sept. 16.

Junior Joy Flaherty of Bridgewater scored the game-winning goal on a scramble in front of the net 4:21 into the contest. Assisting on the goal was senior Erin Reardon of Southampton.

Freshman Jessica Silva of Reading added an insurance goal with 11 minutes remaining in the game.

Home Games This Week

Tuesday, Sept. 26
Men's Soccer vs. WNEC, 7:00

Wednesday, Sept. 27
Field Hockey vs. Fitchburg State, 7:00

Saturday, Sept. 30
Women's Soccer vs. Worcester State, 3:00

Check out
Westfield State Athletics
on the web:
www.wsc.ma.edu

2000-2001 Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) Meeting

Monday, Sept. 25
Ely 232, 8:00 p.m.

Study Hall

for varsity sports student-athletes begins this week

Study Hall Schedule
Sundays - 7 to 9 p.m.
Mondays - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Wednesdays - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For questions, contact Tara Witthuhn, athletics dept. graduate assistant, at ext. 5454

Classifieds

Listen to Wes, Charles and
Chico- WSKB Mondays from
8-10. Best R&B and Hip Hop!

I want fishsticks! Who are you?

CoffeeHouse
Wed. October 4th
8PM
Ely Main Lounge
Sign up to perform x5429.

My boyfriend for 50 bucks!
call x6102

English Books for sale!
call x7901

WSKB: Wanted DJ's and Help
of any kind!

WANTED:
'74 Volkswagon Thing
call x 7901

THE CAMPUS VOICE:
WANTED:
Any Reporters who are fearless
and like to investigate!
call x5431

Wanted: Ghostbusters.
Reply to Classifieds

Trips to the Big E!

WANTED:
Blonde...looking for T.D.H.
Male (Not a freshman!)...Reply
to Classifieds.

For sale:
Excellent condition, 14K gold
ring, 2 hearts entertwined. Only
worn for a little while. Would
make a great present for a loved
one. Best offer.
call x7909

Golden Nozzle Car wash
coupons on sale for $4 at the
Service Window. Clean your
car!

We need zip disks for Mac's.
Please reply to the Classifieds.

COMICS needed for comics
page! PLEASE WRITE
COMICS!!

I want your body. Call my place.

For Sale:
Soloflex Weightlifting machine
with accessories and videotape.
Hardly used, excellent condition.
Call 1-413-863-4562

Comic Books for sale...about
2,500.
If interested, contact the Campus
Voice, please.

Needed:
a handheld mirror, please reply
to the Voice

For sale:
half-way decent brown mid-
sized boots...size 8and1/2.
Please reply to personals

Join MassPIRG!

Wanted:
New dictionary!
We need it soon!!
Reply to the Voice.

For sale:
Popped inflatable chair
Reply to classifieds

For sale:
One Centipede infested plant.
Please call
x7909

For sale:
One pair of hot chili pepper
satin underwear!
Call Bob

Wanted:
Bass guitar...cheap.
Call Shawn at
572-3037

Wanted:
New microwave for apartment.
Reply to the Classifieds.

Maid STILL wanted for Apt
3A2. Please be hot!

Cook me food!
call Oregon

I want to have some fishsticks
too!

For Sale:
Three goldfish, full tank includ-
ed. Please call...I can't take care
of them anymore.
Reply to classifieds.

Wanted:
A pair of mittens...I am cold.

For Sale:
Sony Car Tape Deck
Hardly Used, Great Condition
$100
Call x7909 ask for Meg

For Sale:
1989 Ford Escort
Good Condition
Has had a lot of work done
recently
$1,000 or Best Offer

Wanted:
Any electric, acoustic, or elec-
tric/acoustic guitars.
please reply to classifieds

Wanted:
Happiness. Please help me.

Personals

Cort, Sara, Kristen: You guys need to grow up. High school is over!

JC...Your...Gonna....Give.....In.... Soon...RS

My bum hurts

Stephanie- "Ready, GO!" Love, 2B1

We all Love you Tommy C!

Hey 1B4, are you guys up for some CORN?

Beware of the "Mullet"!!

Mugsy- the girls will come soon.

Man, there sure are a lot of chicks with girlies in them!

K- I'm better then J.D.

Tommy C is the greatest!

C.R.- "I'm amazed by you" Luv, S.C.

Para Mi bebe-
Que dios te bendiga. Listen to your heart, not others. #21

Tilly's Bar in Springfield is a big fat waste of time.

Jeff, you're annoying and nobody likes you anyway.

Megan- How's the bump? :)

Boys stink.

Sometimes I like to eat pickles and beets, but other times I like to just suck on my feet.

Walmsley stay out of the swamp!

Hey Forbes, your cream is in, stay out of the sun for 2 weeks.

O'Leary...Stop roaming the halls of Courtney and go back to your ticketmastering.

Tommy C is sooooo Hot!

Oh honey!

This is my night tiarra and this is my day tiarra, ok?

Happy 19th Birthday, Julie W.

Are you happy now Tommy C?

Angel, I love you- Your Sunshine.

Poopface, I love YOU too-

Schmeg

The eye of the storm is coming.

Jed is SO sexy, and I love when he is sleeping at night because I get to stare at him!

But I'm sad when he "sleeps" over somewhere else....

I love those fish cartoons

Listen to DJ Radio...Thursdays 4-6pm

Hi to all my friends at the Voice

I eat things!

Is there going to be a Halloween Masquerade this year??

Lloyds Intention

My momma eats FAT pigs like you for breakfast

I love you,"God"

DJ sucks

The hottest girls live in 3B2....come visit!

My new job sucks!

I already gained my freshman

15.....when does it stop?

Pizza is yummy

Sarah- I love you! -Johnnie

I miss Justin M.

I got kicked out of a bar....that sucks

Hey Wayne- you should play goalie.

Zapf Dingbat N

Sing us a song

When does the No intention album come out?

My girlfriend is HOT

Looking good Joe, keep it up!

Go nuts on him Karren

B2 Boys in the Hizouse

Bleach blonde sucks

I want you, I need you..please Joe..come home to me

I love big girls!!

Daniel J is my new boyfriend..sorry hon

Lizard breath!

I miss the fun times Greg...can we go back?

Where's my freakin mail???

Jesus loves you

I wish I could marry one of my teachers

She is SO fake...geez, get a life

I like the new kid

Why doesn't cartoon network play She-ra and He-man?

Is there another one of me?

I hate hospitals

When it rains, I turn into a dinosaur.

I lost it...I could've had her too, man.

I love to fart!

I think that the Campus Voice is the best it has ever been!

Stop being mean to me!

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

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1 "The — Panther"
5 Harder to find
10 Make small talk
14 Strong — ox
15 In flames
16 Bring — the bacon
17 Exhaust
18 Clutch
19 Ireland
20 Edible snail
22 Changes
24 Unpaid, as a bill
25 Vast chasm
27 Comrades
31 Not figurative
35 Rendered fats
36 Actor Arkin
38 Cloy
39 "— on a Grecian Urn"
40 Static — (fashion problem)
41 Snake
42 Walking stick
44 Danger
45 Sends (a letter)
47 Moscow citadel
49 Hoax
51 Window parts
53 Toronto's prov.
54 Raid
57 Financial
62 Walk, trot, or gallop
63 Dipper
65 — Scotle
66 Foot part
67 Author — Allan Poe
68 Fashion designer St. Laurent
69 Pink
70 Oozes
71 Webbing

Hey there kiddies, time your friendly neighborhood comics to keep you to enjoy this week. If you are interested in writing comics for the poper, then please contact us. Until next weeks...

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1 Top of one's head
2 Egyptian goddess
3 Undercover cop
4 Prepared dough
5 Tettered
6 Curly hairdo
7 Lariat
8 Bitter vetch
9 Giving back
10 Brie and Gouda
11 Trombone or trumpet
12 Surrounded by
13 Decades
21 Is up for election
23 Denver hrs.
26 Empty spaces
27 Herd
28 Airplane tracker
29 Singer Cara
30 Salty
32 Fanatical
33 Coral reef
34 Contract
37 Fleur-de- —
40 Rustles
43 Understanding
45 Ont.'s neighbor
46 Word meaning the opposite
48 Fond du —, Wis.
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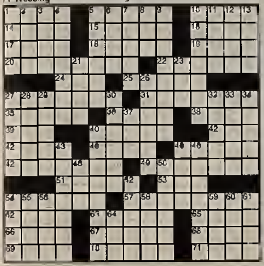

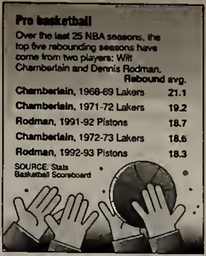

Pro basketball

Over the last 25 NBA seasons, the top five rebounding seasons have come from two players: Wilt Chamberlain and Dennis Rodman.

	Rebound avg.
Chamberlain, 1968-69 Lakers	21.1
Chamberlain, 1971-72 Lakers	19.2
Rodman, 1991-92 Pistons	18.7
Chamberlain, 1972-73 Lakers	18.6
Rodman, 1992-93 Pistons	18.3

SOURCE: Stats Basketball Scoreboard

JOE PERK

C. SLAUGHTER
..THE CITY. BIG. KINDA FUZZY..
SORTA.
LIKE A DIRTY TONGUE.
THE NAME'S PERK. JOE PERK.
AND THIS IS MY KINDA TONGUE.
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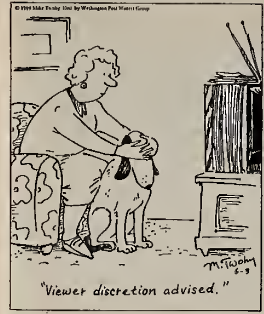
Finally, I get a chance to drive.

The Siamese Twins visit England.

Cafe
Of all the chat rooms in all the portals in all the world, she clicks onto mine.
Chatablanca



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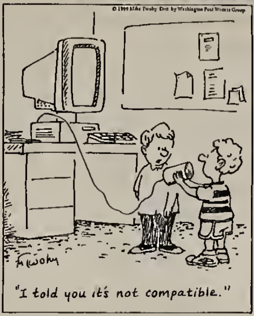

"I told you it's not compatible."

DOESN'T IT BOTHER ANYONE ELSE THAT 333 IS EXACTLY ONE HALF OF... OH, NEVER MIND.
GRUMPYFISH
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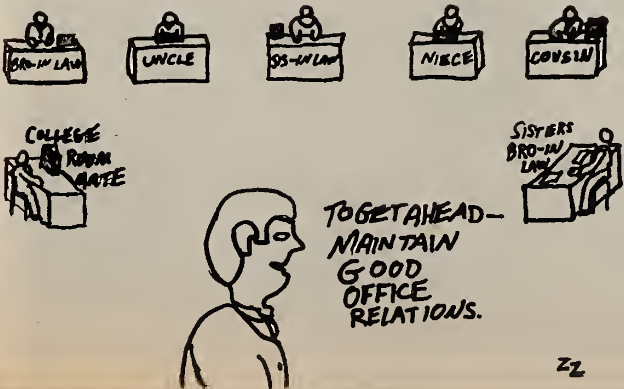

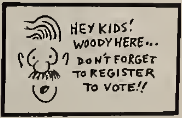
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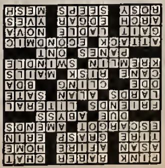

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 9/25	4:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "American Beauty" and "The Big Kahuna"	Channels 56&57
Tue 9/26	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Western New England	Athletic Field
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Next Best Thing" and "Romeo Must Die"	Channels 56&57
	8:00 p.m.	MassPIRG General Interest Meeting	Ely Lower Lounge
Wed 9/27	9:00 a.m.	Fast Lane Transponder Distribution Event	Ely Main Lounge
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Fitchburg State	Athletic Field
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Corner (Commuter) Cafe
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "American Pie" and "High Fidelity"	Channels 56&57
Thur 9/28	4:30 p.m.	Trip to the Big E	Contact Service Window
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Cider House Rules" and "Erin Brokovich"	Channels 56&57
Fri 9/29	8:00 p.m.	Movies "American Psycho" and "28 Days"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Video	Ely Lower Lounge
Sat 9/30	1:00 p.m.	Trip to the Big E	Contact Service Window
	3:00 p.m.	Outdoor Concerts	Campus Green
	3:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Worcester State	Athletic Field
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "American Psycho" and "28 Days"	Channels 56&57
Sun 10/1	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	1:00 p.m.	Trip to the Big E	Contact Service Window
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Jim Carrol, Mentalist	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "American Psycho" and "28 Days"	Channels 56&57

USEFUL INFORMATION

Just the plain Fax

As Sgt. Joe Friday used to say--"Just the plain fax ma'am." A public fax machine has been installed in the Ely Campus Center main lounge. Instructions are easy to follow. Prices are outlined for each usage.

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

At your service.........

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Fall ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

Want some culture?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $5

Ely Campus Center Games

Games are located in Ely 131. You must present your student ID in order to take games out.

CARDS , CRIBBAGE , DOMINOES , GUESSTURES , LIFE , MANCALA , PICTIONARY, RISK , SCRABBLE , SCATTERGORIES, TABOO , TRI BOND , UNO, YATZEE

Activities Line: x5840 / Info Line: x5440 / Class Cancellation Line: x5411

Dining Commons

Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p Fri 8a-5p
Sat 12p-6p & Sun 1p-11p

Events are free & open to the entire college community unless otherwise noted. To have events published on The Back Page please E-mail thecampusvoice@hotmail.com

Health Services

(Nurse on duty) Sun 4p-12a, M-Th 8a-12a, F 8a-4p, Sat 12p-5p
(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

Bookstore

Call x5657
For Hours of Operation

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p x5500 pool info

Subway

Mon-Fri 8a-11p Sat 12p-11p
Sun 1p-11p

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SGA Vet. appointed to Parliamentary Committee

By Kristen Croteau
Voice Reporter

The meeting of the Student Government Association was called to order on September 26 by SGA President Mandy Miranda shortly after 5:30p.m. First order of business was voting on the Parliamentary Committee and the Rules and Regulations Committee. These organizations keep the order throughout the Student Government Association in accordance with their handbook.

In a brief speech as to why he would be a good candidate for Parliamentarian, Bill Dunbar said, "The Parliamentary board is a wonderful way to keep order, and run rules and regulations of this body." Dunbar went on to say, "My leadership experience

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IR Club debates are similar to the United Nations

By Peter Costas
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College has a club with astonishing debating skills, according to members of the International Relations Club. The International Relations club is guided by their advisor, Professor Brian Steinburg. This club represents WSC in debate tournaments that run in a similar fashion to the United Nations.

Two seniors, Matt Fontaine and Jim Burgoyne, have had very positive experiences. Last year, these two members competed in debates that took place in Boston, New York, and the University of Pennsylvania. They both succeeded in winning awards at the tournaments, said Fontaine.

"Burgoyne won an award at the University of Pennsylvania, and I won a Harvard award in Boston," said Fontaine. "The

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-Photo by Kay Salmarsh

President Woodward spoke at Senior Convocation on September 21.

Board of Trustees praises Woodward

Positive evaluation a factor in the President's raise to $143,000

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

President Woodward received an $8,000 raise, bringing his salary to $143,000, at the Board of Trustees meeting held on September 27. Barbara James, a member of the Evalution Committee, gave a very positive report on Woodward's performance in the past year in his evalution, which was a factor in the acceptance of Woodward's raise.

"It certainly is the pleasure of the Board of Trustees to present a very positive evaluation to Dr. Woodward," James said. "He has made excellent progress towards the mission of the college...Dr. Woodward's goal is to see Westfield State College become the best of the best."

Woodward's raise comes in the midst of a bitter dispute between faculty and administration concerning the faculty contracts. Woodward, upon accepting the evalution presented by the board, said that all improvements to the college were achieved by many. "It really is the staff, faculty, and employees of the college that make it what it is," he said.

Gerald Tetrault, the President of

> **"Woodward says that it is the faculty who should be praised for the progress of the college, yet he doesn't want to pay us."**
> -Gerald Tetrault

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Campus unites to promote voting

By Brian Burke
Voice Reporter

On October 3, 2000, the week-long Rock the Vote festivities will get underway. The campus radio station, WSKB, MassPIRG, Campus Activities Board, and the Student Government Association will run the program, in an attempt to encourage students to take action and vote. The Rock the Vote activities for the entire week will take place in the Ely lounge area.

There will be a voter registration booth in the Ely lounge on October 3rd. Also on October 3, Masspirg will be taking a trip to Boston with a group of college students to attend a Massachusetts Youth Vote Conference at Harvard University. This trip is being arranged in conjunction with the upcoming presidential debate at UMass Boston.

Shalimar Colon, helping out with the organization of the activities for SGA, said, "We're trying to raise awareness of candidates and issues in the presidential election around Westfield State College."

Being that the deadline to register to vote is October 18, SGA is handing out voter registrations and attempting to get people to register to vote on the spot. On October 4, the first monthly Coffee House of the semester will be held. On October 5, there will be four Deejays spinning house, hip/hop, and break dancing records. On October 9th the main attractions kick off. There will be many local bands playing for everyone's enjoyment and everything for Rock the Vote is free of charge.

The bands that will be playing are No Intention (ska/punk), Groove Selector (Reggae), Lloyd's Hill (Rock), My Disco Village (funk), The Bill Chapman Trio (jazz) and

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-File Photo

Groove Selector will be performing at the Rock the Vote concert on Monday, October 9.

Voice of the Week

New Freshmen Class President Christopher Burke's hobbies incude soccer, partying, eating and sleeping.

Nation & World

California's marijauna eradication task force is attempting to exterminate all pot plants in the state.

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A & E

Ben Harper stops in Northampton to rock the masses at this year's Riverfest.

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Public Safety

The infamous Public Safety log returns to haunt the Campus for this issue. Read it while it's here.

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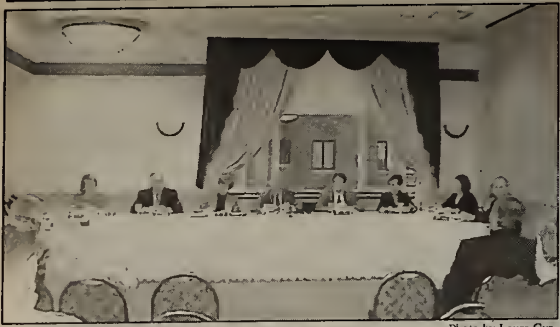

-Photo by Laura Cyr

Members of the Board of Trustees praised President Woodward and supported his raise.

President's salary is more than triple the average faculty member

■ Raise

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Westfield's chapter of the Teacher's Union, became upset upon learning about Woodward's raise and his comments towards the faculty. "Woodward says that it is the faculty who should be praised for the progress of the college, yet he doesn't want to pay us," Tetrault said.

Woodward's raise brings his salary up by $28,000 in the three years that he's been serving as the President of WSC. The new $143,000 salary that Woodward will now earn is almost triple the average salary of other WSC administrators, which is $47,874 according to the salary figures from 1999.

Woodward's annual increase in pay is 6.43% compared to the average faculty member's anuual increase of 1.48%, which is only one half the rate of inflation.

Woodward's raise makes his salary $96,000 more than the average faculty member. Some teachers have expressed frustration over the past few years at Woodward's pay raises over the years because, although they stay dedicated to their jobs, they are struggling with their own pay and contracts. In the December 7, 1998 issue of the Campus Voice, Gregg Neikirk, chair of the English department, expressed feelings towards this issue that is still a concern now.

"Some of the students here would agree with me that, in the five years I've been here, I've worked seven days a week to be a part of this community," Neikirk said. "I've taught classes that have meant something to me and in the mean time, I've had to think about my mortgage."

Buzz Hogland, professor of Biology, reacted to Woodwards raise: "I think it's perposterous," he said. "For Example, he's the one who implemented the student technology fee and how many students can actually use the internet on campus right now? And for that he deserves an $8,000 raise?" Hogland asked.

Despite what some union members may believe, the Evalution Committee found Woodward's performance in the past year to be exemplary. James said that in the evaluation process, Woodward had to prepare a self-evaluation and a draft of his goals for the 2000-2001 year. The committee also interviewed various people involved in the college community using a revised list of interviewees, which included some union members. James, reading from the report on Woodward's evaluation, said "All interviewees agree that Dr. Woodward has shown exceptional leadership."

President Woodward became the college's 17th President in 1997. He had served as president of SUNY-Morrisville (New York) before coming to WSC.

IR Club members will visit Atlanta and Chicago

■ **IR Club**

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trips have the members stay in very accommodating hotels, such as the Hotel Park Plaza in Boston and the Grand Hyatt in New York City."

According to the two seniors, the fundraising efforts done by Kim Kleis have allowed them to take such exciting trips. This semester, they will leave on November 16th for debates in Atlanta and Chicago, which will last until November 21st.

For the past few years, the debates have had each school represent countries from Africa, said Burgoyne. "The topics in the debates focus on critical issues like Disarmament and Development. Success in these debates depends on preparation and hard work from all the members. Members must overcome the challenges of finding relevant information on the Internet and having to deal with press that has an American bias," said Burgoyne.

Being in the club requires students to participate in the fall semester of professor Steinburg's Comparative Foreign Policy class. According to Fontaine, Steinburg chooses students from his political science classes that debate well in class and that will represent Westfield State. During the debate proceedings, members can work anywhere from 10 to 15 hour days. Students are scored on their consistency with the African nation's viewpoints, their speaking skills, and their skills at writing resolutions.

Burgyone said, "Not only do you have to know the material, but you have to work hard and stay in a room speaking to anywhere from 50 to 150 people. You have to compromise and work with people's egos like in the real UN to get your resolutions passed."

Westfield State College has had members serve on the Security Council, which is the highest council at the debate. Both Fontane and Burgoyne were optimistic about their upcoming debates in Atlanta and Chicago. Fontane said, "Westfield State usually brings only fifteen students to represent the college and still wins awards."

Burgoyne said, "We (Westfield) can hold our own with big ivy league schools. Even when we do not win awards, Westfield is invited back, which is very encouraging. At the upcoming debate in Chicago, Westfield will represent Tanzania; in Atlanta they will represent Tanzania and Namibia.

From the Editor's Desk

Every once in a while I pray for simplicity in my life. I wish that I could accept that fate has control over my life and just ride the wave to where it takes me.

But this is rarely the case. More often then not I struggle with my values and beliefs. I wonder what I'm doing to make this world a better place. I wonder if I am being the best citizen and person I can be for society. I wonder what career I may enter and what effect it will have on culture and norms that our predecessors set for us.

I often think about how I will make my days meaningful and earn my time here in this life. I wonder if my morals meet my personal standards. I wonder if I possess the knowledge necessary to be the kind of person I want to be.

I wonder what serious issues our generation directly faces. There are no wars threatening our liberty or drafts to fear. Public awareness of health risks and prevention of such risks such as smoking and AIDS is widely known, thus more and more people are choosing the healthy path. The economy is better than it ever has been and unemployment is at an all time low. Oppression, racism, sexism, and homelessness are still issues that face society but are not drastic enough to evoke major public protests. Or maybe it is all this combined with apathy that keeps us content to mind our own business because for the most part, life has been good to us. And for most of us, we are all talk and no action.

It is difficult for us to value what we can't see and for this reason we have forgotten the significance of the democracy which our forefathers fought so hard to obtain. The amount of blood spilled and minds that needed to be changed to reach the point we are at today is nearly impossible for us to grasp. Although the United States of America is not a perfect utopia, it is a continuous work in progress, and we should be thankful for what we have accomplished as a nation.

There was a time when many people that walked the same land as we do today did not have the opportunity to voice their opinions in government. When the democratic system was created, only wealthy white landowners could vote for the leaders of the country. So put yourself in a mental time machine back to the 19th Century. Would you have been able to vote then, or would you have been left without a voice in issues that concerned you? Would someone else be the determiner of your fate?

It is predicted that 70% of eligible citzens will not vote in the November Election and although six states do have same-day registration, Massachusetts is not one of them, so you must register ealry.

The deadline to register vote is Wednesday October 18, 2000. Voter Registration forms are available at the Ely service window. If you are already registered in your hometown, don't forget to call your town hall and get an absentee ballot mailed to you.

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SGA addresses skunk problem

■ SGA

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speaks for itself...[I am] prepared to take SGA through the 2000-2001 school year." Minutes later, after the tallying of votes by the advisors of SGA, Bill Dunbar was appointed to the Parliamentary Committee.

VP Jackson

In some remarks and announcements from Vice President Jackson, it was noted that on September 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., free transponders for the Mass Pike, exits 1-6, would be available to all students with a Massachusetts car registration. He relayed that you could also buy additional tolls to Boston, and that there was no limit on how many students could obtain a transponder, observing that although the transponders were available for 1 per person, it was expected to give out 2 to 3 thousand throughout the day. Jackson also congratulated SGA. He said, "Student Government is a noble task; lots of hard and important work."

Mandy Miranda stated that in other news, the Campus Center would now include a nutritionist who specializes in eating disorders and a psychiatrist who specializes in college-age students. These professionals will be available two days a week, and for more information the number to call is extension 5790.

In the Board of Trustees' report, Shalimar Colon reported that there was a Student Advisory Council meeting on Thursday. Kendra Sands gave the Vice President's Report of Student Life. She said that the Student Conduct Board was still taking applications, and interviews were to be conducted this week.

In response to a question that was asked of annoying skunks and later trash collection, Jon Conlogue, head of Residential Life, said, "It is to my understanding that skunks have been attacking people outside the apartments and the back of Courtney Hall." He also said, "It will probably be harder to alleviate this problem outside Courtney, what with the woods being right out back." However, action would be taken at the apartments to mitigate the skunk problem he said. To respond to the trash pick up problem, Conlogue said, "Pick-up is between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. to avoid having the dumpsters being transferred during morning traffic. It would probably not be possible for the trash to be picked up later in the morning."

In the Programming portion of the Vice President's Report, Maggie Smith reported that the Fall Concert Fest on September 23 went well, although it was "not the numbers we were hoping for." She encouraged SGA members to spread the word of future programs and reassured them that "...the bands will be [playing] throughout the school year." Smith went on to relay the different events coming up throughout the academic year, starting with a magician on October 1, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., who specializes in card tricks and would showcase his mentalist abilities. "He will give a demonstration in the café to get student interest," said Smith. In other news, Smith said that "Say What? Westfield State Karaoke" would hold tryouts at 7 p.m. on November 6 and 8. Planned for this event includes performances, judges, and large prizes for winners.

Richard Walsh gave the Board of Governors' report and stated that at the service window, many discounted tickets for various causes would be available. Among these discounts, he said there were Showcase Cinemas tickets for $6.25, Golden Nozzle Carwash tickets for $4.00, tickets for the Springfield Symphony Orchestra for $5.00, and campus T-Shirts (such as shirts bearing the logo of last year's Spring Weekend) also being also for $5.00.

Commuter Council speaker Colleen Fromm brought the idea of a Commuter Council Logo Contest. She said the exact details of the contest had not been decided yet, but that information would be available in the Campus Voice as soon as possible.

Senior Class President Jocelyn Gregory related that last week's Convocation went rather well, however she and many others were not pleased with the meal. She said, "I like fish, but I guess it's not an ideal meal for college students...hopefully we won't have to go through that again!" Gregory also said that Friday's Senior Night was a success. "I've been told the seniors want it every Friday night, but unfortunately, that will not be possible." Gregory laughed. "The only problem I can see of Senior night was everyone crowding around the kegs!"

"Student Government is a noble task; lots of hard work and important work"

-VP Jackson

In final news from the meeting, freshman class President Chris Burke stated that he did not have a complete staff yet, and 3 senators, a historian, and alumni affairs were still needed.

Musicians unite to 'rock the vote'

■ Vote

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Erebus.

In regard to the upcoming concert, Christian Reinhardsen, of My Disco Village said, "This is our first show of the semester. We played the Holyoke Cancer Benefit last year, so we're looking forward to it."

Lloyds Hill has not yet confirmed if they will play the show on October 9th. D.J. Renzi, guitarist for Lloyd's Hill, said, "I hope we can play and encourage people to vote, because not enough people vote these days and we should care about who our president is."

-File Photo

Punk Band No Intention will play at the Rock the Vote Concert.

Jed Dion, guitarist and vocalist for No Intention, said, "It's good to make people aware, because everyone's voice does count. If a few people don't vote and that is the deciding vote, then that's pretty lame."

Voice of The Week

Christopher Burke

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FAMILY: ONE YOUNGER BROTHER IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

HOBBIES: SOCCER, PARTYING, HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS, SLEEPING, EATING

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FAVORITE QUOTE: "AN EYE FOR AN EYE WILL MAKE THE WHOLE WORLD BLIND."

"TO MOVE A MOUNTAIN, YOU MUST START WITH THE SMALLEST PEBBLE."

Editor's Note

In the Recycling story last week, the pullout quote on page 3 should have been credited to the unidentified source, not Curt Robie, Assistant Vice President of Director of Facilities and Operations. We appologize for the mistake.

College students don't see themselves in election

By Massie Ritsch
Los Angeles Times

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - They describe this leafy college town as ``six square miles surrounded by reality," so it would seem characteristic of Ann Arbor that its young residents see one presidential campaign while the candidates wage another.

In the campaign that students of the University of Michigan care about, the top issues are abortion, affirmative action, capital punishment, education, gun control - even the freedom to buy foulmouthed music.

But Social Security - a cornerstone issue of presidential rivals Al Gore and George W. Bush - is for these students' grandparents. And health care? Well, as one 21-year-old townie simply put it: ``I'm healthy."

``An 18 to 24-year-old takes great pride in that they're 18 to 24, and they don't have to deal with 65-plus issues," said Mike Spahn, editor of the Michigan Daily.

When Gore visits Ann Arbor Tuesday for an on-campus forum televised by MTV, there is a good chance the Democrat will be asked about the crusade that he and his wife, Tipper, led against explicit songs in the '80s. ``What do you have against Metallica?" is not a pressing question when the vice president visits senior centers and elementary schools.

Michigan senior Jon Cassady is among those tracing his feelings about Gore back to the anti-smut crusade. ``I've never been a big fan of Gore," he said. Cassady, 21, doesn't support everything the entertainment industry produces, but he worries about censorship. ``It's one of my biggest fears of anything."

Lauren Male also has a fear: that the ``old-boy" Republican candidate is too conservative for today's America. The one-time Chi Omega rush chairwoman from Miami admits she does not know much about Bush's or Gore's policies, but she does know the Texas governor opposes unrestricted abortion rights. ``I don't think that's appropriate for the times."

When Male and Cassady vote - she for Gore, he for Bush - they will be going against the odds for people their age. About half of all voters went to the polls in the 1996 presidential election, but the 18-24 age group trailed their elders with just a 32 percent turnout. This November, according to a survey released Monday by MTV and the Kaiser Family Foundation, fewer than half of eligible voters younger than 25 are certain they will vote, compared with 64 percent of all adults.

Still, by some measures, so-called Generation Y is no more apathetic than the rest of America. Overall, studies have shown, they volunteer in their communities in unprecedented numbers. The Kaiser-MTV poll found that they are more concerned than older voters about crime-related issues and civil rights.

``It's not that they're disengaged with the issues," Kaiser foundation vice president Vicky Rideout said. ``They have strong opinions on issues that are being debated in this campaign. But they don't see a link between them casting a vote and anything happening on those issues."

The candidates know that this election won't hinge on the historically minimal college-age vote, so they focus on more reliable voter blocs. When Bush and Gore propose ways to make college more affordable, for example, their pitch is aimed toward parents saving for the future.

> ``Here we are at the start of the political campaign season and where were (the issues of) 18- to 30-year-olds?"
>
> -John Dervin

``When I watched the convention, I felt moved because in a few years I will have a family," said 25-year-old Susan McLeary, who says she'll leave the country if Gore loses. ``But I think someone who's 21 and partying a lot and not thinking about their future might feel a little alienated."

The issue gap was most evident on Labor Day, at the fall campaign's kickoff, said John Dervin, political director of Youth Vote 2000, a non-partisan coalition that promotes civic participation. Bush talked about K-12 education, and Gore focused on prescription-drug care for children and the elderly.

``Here we are at the start of the political campaign season and where were (the issues of) 18- to 30-year-olds?" wondered Dervin, himself 26. ``Nowhere to be found."

Dervin's group and other proponents of youth participation in politics say candidates are squandering an opportunity.

``The way to get young people involved? It's not rocket science at all," Dervin said. ``You just have to go to where young people are and answer their questions."

Both campaigns have youth coordinators who marshal networks of foot soldiers to plaster dorms with campaign flyers, register voters and write commentaries for campus newspapers.

But such outreach is probably lost on the non-college crowd. Of America's 26.5 million 18- to 24-year-olds - about 10 million of whom are enrolled in college now - those who have never been on campus are only half as likely to vote as those who have.

For all the ``whining" about how candidates don't connect with college students, ``for working people in their 20's, they are invisible," Michigan political science professor Gregory Markus said.

But among the three dozen students interviewed in this closely contested state, there is still enthusiasm about this presidential election. A majority swear they will vote Nov. 7, and since school opened, the campus' voter-registration drive has already signed up about 5,000 students. ``I'm just, like, `Yay, I get to vote!'" one first-timer cheered.

Gore has a definite edge on this historically liberal campus of 36,000, but Bush has a base here, too.

Even Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, who visited Ann Arbor last week, has found an audience for his anti-establishment campaign. ``Get rid of that cell phone," the gangly consumer advocate told students. ``Stop growing up corporate."

But with the Bush-Gore race looking tight, most of the Michigan students said they were going to stick with the two major parties. ``If I am going to exercise my right to vote," freshman Emily Haffner said, ``I want to make a difference."

The chicken-and-egg problem, many recognize, is that candidates won't focus on the interests of youth until, or unless, youth focus on the interests of candidates.

``If we want them to pay attention to our issues," said John Carter, co-chairman of Michigan's Students for Bush chapter, ``then we have to vote and we have to be making a difference."

Austrailian track star becomes champion of Aboriginal rights

By Alan Abrahamson
Los Angeles Times

SYDNEY, Australia - When Cathy Freeman took to the track to win the 400-meter finals at Olympic Stadium, she was wearing the prescribed Australian team uniform, green and gold.

But her spikes - those were yellow, red and black. Yellow for the sun. Red for the land, the red center of this vast island continent. And black for Australia's indigenous people, the Aborigines.

``What I'm about, really, is just being free to be who I am in my own country," said Freeman, a 27-year-old Australian of Aboriginal descent. The two-time defending world champion in her event, Freeman has emerged at the Sydney Games as the most potent symbol of a nation's hopes both for Olympic glory and reconciliation for the sins of its past.

``Really, I'm such a shy thing," she said a few days ago, her hand covering her mouth. Giggly, too. And tiny - all of 5-foot-4, perhaps 115 pounds. But also fiercely competitive. And, as well, enormously proud of her combined heritage and unafraid to use her celebrity to try to effect change. On her right triceps is a tattoo that reads: ``Cos I'm Free."

``People like to symbolize me," she said. ``But I would just like for young Aboriginals to think that they can live in a world of unity of all people and religions."

It was Freeman who lit the caldron to open the Sydney Games - an Aborigine anointed as the chosen one by Australia's overwhelmingly white power structure.

Already, the appointing of Freeman to that role has done precisely what politically savvy Games organizers had hoped it would: It has muted Aboriginal activists who for months had threatened to disrupt the Games with protests. It also has amplified the visibility of Aboriginal achievements in sports, art, politics and other areas of mainstream Australian culture.

At the same time, it has focused attention on the ways many Aboriginals remain disadvantaged - in health care, literacy, life expectancy and so on. And, most telling, it has intensified a nationwide dialogue on a topic that is perhaps the most divisive in Australian society:

Ought the prime minister apologize to Australia's indigenous people for the sins of the past?

Yes, say some influential academics, politicians and newspaper columnists.

``It obviously has become important symbolically," said Henry Reynolds, a professor at the University of Tasmania who has published several books on white-Aboriginal relations in Australia.

``All the evidence from the various truth commissions and bodies around the world that have dealt with historical problems of injustice have been quite clear: Recognition given in the form of leaders' apologies is among the key steps in healing," Reynolds said.

Many of Australia's state governments have offered apologies, but not conservative Prime Minister John Howard, who has been in power since 1996.

Howard has carefully used the word ``regret" in discussing the issue. The words ``I'm sorry" are unlikely to pass his lips in this context, said a spokeswoman, Pru Goward. ``I am not willing to apologize for things my government and my generation of Australians didn't do," he said earlier this year.

Two months ago, Freeman rebuked Howard's government as insensitive for the refusal to apologize for policies that, from 1910 until the 1970s, forced the removal of thousands of Aboriginal and part-Aboriginal children from their homes. The children were given to white families with the expectation they would be assimilated into the mainstream.

Estimates of the number of children involved vary considerably; some say it was as many as 100,000.

In July, Freeman revealed that her grandmother had been part of this so-called ``stolen generation." Her grandmother, Freeman said, did not know her own true age or birth date.

``I was so angry because they were denying they had done anything wrong, denying that a whole generation was stolen," Freeman said,

``The fact is, parts of people's lives were taken away, they were stolen. I'll never know who my grandfather was, I didn't know who my great-grandmother was, and that can never be replaced."

Aboriginals are believed to have been on the continent that is now called Australia for 50,000 years. White settlement began in earnest in 1788.

There are now an estimated 386,000 Aborigines in Australia, out of a total population of 19 million - about 2 percent.

Discrimination against Aboriginals was so virulent that until the 1960s they were not counted in the national census nor allowed to vote. It wasn't until 1992 that courts recognized that Aborigines had owned Australia before whites arrived.

Aboriginal life expectancy is 20 years below the rest of the population and infant mortality five times higher. Aborigines are 20 times more likely to be imprisoned at some point in their lives. The national unemployment rate is a bit over 6 percent; for Aborigines, it's about 25 percent, at least officially. Some Aboriginal leaders maintain the true figure is closer to 50 percent.

This year, the federal government will spend about $1.5 billion on a wide range of programs aimed at improving the quality of Aboriginal life, Goward said. Most, she continued, ``are focused on practical matters," including housing, health care, employment, literacy, the prevention of domestic violence and substance abuse, job training and so on.

Aborigines have also been given title to about 15 percent of the continent, although most of the land is in the remote Northern Territory. In addition, the government has set up a $1 billion land fund for urban Aborigines.

It's not, Goward stressed, that the prime minister is opposed to reconciliation. Far from it, she asserted.

``This government has focused on health and education," she said. ``It doesn't want to get into polemics. It doesn't want to get into ideology - just focus on the practical outcomes.

``Which is, in a way," she acknowledged, ``a philosophical statement itself."

The question now is, how will the symbolism wrapped up in the Games further the national debate?

Games organizers have consistently made a deliberate point of including indigenous culture and traditions.

The 100-day Australian torch relay began at Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock, the massive red monolith in the nation's center. The first torchbearer on Australian soil was Nova Peris-Kneebone, the first Aboriginal gold medalist; she was part of the winning women's field hockey team at the Atlanta Games in 1996.

During the opening ceremony, said Michael Knight, president of the Sydney Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games and the New South Wales minister for the Olympics, ``I wanted to send a very strong reconciliation message."

Weeding Out Pot Farms From Aloft

By John Johnson
Los Angeles Times

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. - The pot farmer's worst nightmare is the diminutive, 37-year-old daughter of a migrant farm worker whose troops call her Supreme Commander.

Sonya Barna hardly looks the part of the Patton of Pot. She is short, wears her fingernails and her brown hair long and cuts a striking enough figure in her fatigues that a visiting Ukrainian general recently asked if all American women were so beautiful.

But as head of California's marijuana eradication task force, called CAMP for Campaign Against Marijuana Planting, she is on pace to break all records for the number of potplants chopped out of California's renegade marijuana farms. This summer, her squadron of helicopters has dived into remote corners of the state, from the steep gorges of the Santa Ynez Mountains to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, carrying crews of eradicators with machetes.

Barna's commitment to the war on pot is matched only by the increasing sophistication of the growers who have been converting California's wild lands into corporate-style pot farms. In recent years, California's marijuana industry has undergone a radical change from the time when North Coast hippies tended their backyard gardens in Frye boots and drove their VW vans down to San Francisco to unload their stash. Today, the pot gardens have moved south and tend to be larger than ever.

Last year, a farm in San Benito County yielded 53,000 plants. At $4,000 a plant, the formula the state uses to measure the stuff, that was worth $212 million.

Another major change is that many of the biggest farms are being operated by Mexican drug gangs who set up camp deep in remote corners of national forest land. These huge operations, complete with 12-foot-tall watchtowers, are tended by farm workers paid around $500 a month to guard the plants. Sometimes they are taken in blindfolded, so they don't know where they are and can't leave.

The increasingly high stakes involved were demonstrated with deadly results on Aug. 24, when a Mexican citizen was shot and killed while defending a pot farm in Madera County. Jesus Erasmo Figueroa-Valencia was shot when he allegedly pulled a .45-caliber handgun on sheriff's deputies raiding a 7,000-plant farm, deputies said.

Some people may debate the usefulness of the drug war. Barna is not one of those.

-LA Times Photo

Sonya Barna, head of CAMP.

``I don't think we should ever give up," she said over dinner in Solvang on a recent Sunday. Outside, her crew was making ready for the next morning's assault in the Santa Ynez range. ``The more you hit the supply, the harder it is to get." They call themselves the "Shroom Platoon."

Partly, it's because the men and women of CAMP have nicknames for everything. One man is called ``Red Line" because he is so heavy, according to the joke, that the helicopter engine redlines when it tries to carry him. ``Broker" is always out of money. Barna is ``Supreme Commander," for obvious reasons.

As for the 'Shroom Platoon', that's a sardonic reference to the way mushrooms are grown: kept in the dark and fed manure until the light goes on. Then they come alive.

``Come on, Sonya," her team says when she gets impatient with bureaucratic delays that ground her helicopters. ``Just 'shroom out."

That's not easy for Barna, a mother of three whose gift of chat conceals a fierce drive, which she comes by naturally. Her mother worked her way out of the agricultural fields to teach social welfare at Fresno State University, in the meantime communicating to her daughter an intense work ethic. While Sonya was a cheerleader at Clovis High outside Fresno, her interest was in law enforcement, and she began her career with a splash. At 21, she went undercover as a high school student in the San Joaquin Valley town of Sanger to bust students selling heroin on campus.

After a stint with the San Jose Police Department, she joined the state's Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, which runs the CAMP program. Since 1983, CAMP has teamed up with a variety of federal and state agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and sheriff's departments from 56 counties, to eradicate pot gardens in rural areas.

Originally, there were six teams operating on a budget of $2.5 million. But over time, the budget was cut to its current level of $600,000. That supports three teams of 13 people.

Historically, two eradication teams were stationed full time in Mendocino and Humboldt counties, the traditional home for pot plantations. (In recognition of the changing face of the pot industry, Barna scrapped that approach this year and put all three teams on the road.)

Last year, Barna commanded the third mobile team, and her success led directly to her appointment as commander of the entire CAMP effort, Michael Van Winkle, press officer for the Department of Justice, said.

``She's very gung-ho," said Van Winkle. ``That's the kind of person you need as CAMP commander."

With this year's season only half over, Barna's teams had already plucked 139,000 plants.

All this raises some questions: Just how much pot is out there? And how much of it is even a pot warrior like Barna taking off the market? Was the shooting in Madera County evidence that the growers are feeling the pinch and deciding to stand and fight rather than cut and run when the state helicopters fly in? Or are the efforts of CAMP barely scratching the surface?

On the one hand, it's a big state. When you fly over, you see vast landscapes of greenery. Picking a marijuana garden out of this patchwork would seem impossible. But the M-spotters, as marijuana spotters are known, have a couple of things on their side. One is that pot needs direct sunlight for a few hours a day. That means the pot garden, no matter how remote, is visible from the air. The other is that marijuana's color is different from that of any other plant.

Experienced eradicators describe it as an almost neon green, as if the psychoactive ingredient - THC - that flows through the plant turns it luminescent.

CAMP's efforts have drawn the attention of outsiders. Ukraine, facing its own marijuana problem, sent a team to consult Barna. CAMP also sends pot samples to the University of Mississippi, where they are analyzed for THC content. Some samples in recent years have come back at 27 percent, compared with 2 percent in the 1960s and '70s, a fact that only reinforces Barna's attitude about the drug.

``Pot is not a gateway drug," she scoffed. ``It is a drug."

The staging area the next morning was a park just north of Lake Cachuma in the flammable Santa Barbara County back country.

Two helicopters landed, kicking up clouds of white dust as team leaders leaned over the hood of a truck and plotted their attacks on three different gardens spotted by the locals.

The local operations chief was nicknamed Turtle. He warns everyone to be careful: busting marijuana farms doesn't carry the same threat as street-level undercover drug work. Most farmers have fled by the time the eradicators arrive. The Madera shooting, however, put the team on alert.

``There will be two STABOs and one walk-in," Turtle said.

STABO has had as great an impact on the war on pot as the machine gun did on ground warfare. Just as the machine gun greatly increased the killing power of a single man, STABO turned an eradicator into a plant-killing machine.

STABO stands for Short Term Airborne Operation, which in plain English means helicoptering two people into remote forests at the end of a 150-foot-long line. Instead of hiking for hours through dense brush, a STABO team can be inserted miles from the nearest trail or road in a matter of minutes.

After STABO was initiated three years ago, the plant counts exploded, from less than 100,000 to 132,000 in 1997, to 135,000 in 1998, to 241,000 in 1999.

Interior Department grants custody of bones to American Indians

By Kim Murphy
Los Angeles Times

SEATTLE - Bowing to oral traditions that establish tribal memories as old as geologic time, the U.S. Interior Department Monday ruled that modern-day American Indians have ``cultural affiliations" entitling them to custody of the 9,000-year-old Kennewick Man skeleton.

The decision places the government squarely at odds with scientists who argue that the ancient remains - which could provide important clues about the origin of the earliest North Americans - should be available for further study. American Indians want the bones reburied immediately.

Few ancient skeletons have sparked as much political controversy as the Kennewick Man, in part because its skull bears so little resemblance to the peoples originally thought to have crossed a land bridge across the Bering Strait from northern Asia.

White supremacists have seized on that fact to proclaim proof that Europeans might have been America's earliest settlers; critics of the federal law that awards custody of aboriginal remains to American Indian groups argue that the law should not apply to ancient human remains whose connections to modern-day tribes is difficult to establish.

But American Indian leaders applauded Monday's decision and said it was appropriate to return the remains - found four years ago on the banks of the Columbia River near Kennewick, Wash. - to local tribes.

``It gives me a tremendous feeling knowing that this Ancient One has been reaffirmed as one of our ancestors. As tribal people who have lived on the Columbia Plateau for thousands of years, we are eager to rebury our ancestor and give him back to the earth," said Armand Minthorn of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, one of five Columbia basin tribes seeking return of the remains.

But a group of scientists from several universities across the country and from the Smithsonian Institution scoffed at the idea that oral traditions could establish a link across a span of 9,000 years. They noted that government scientists were unable to establish any conclusive linguistic or physical connections between Kennewick Man and the modern Columbia tribes. No measurable DNA could be extracted from the ancient bones.

``Oral tradition and geography. That's it. And no, it's not much," said Richard Jantz, a professor of anthropology at the University of Tennessee. He and seven other scientists had sued for the right to study the bones, but their case was put on hold pending the Interior Department decision. The scientists said Monday that they now would ask a federal judge in Portland, Ore., to let the suit go forward.

``I don't necessarily completely discount oral tradition in some circumstances, but I don't think anybody's ever shown that oral tradition has 9,000 years of historical depth -and that it's accurate for that long," Jantz said.

But Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said oral histories presented by several of the tribes provided persuasive evidence that collective memories go back through the early geologic history of the Pacific Northwest - when an ancient glacial lake in Montana melted and flooded to create much of the present-day Columbia basin.

In making the finding, the Interior Department relied on a provision of the 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, under which remains proved to be of American Indian descent must be returned for reburial rather than stored in museums. Under that provision, remains found on the aboriginal lands of a modern tribe must be handed over to the tribe.

Kate's Rants

KATHERINE GOMES

Living on campus is overrated. All my friends could talk about before we all went to school was how much fun it was going to be to not live at home anymore. This is not what I had in mind. My parents weren't strict. I had little to no curfew. I had three rules that I had to follow when I went out with my friends: don't get pregnant, no IV drugs, and don't drink and drive; very easy rules to follow. I was already doing whatever I wanted to do. I didn't need to move away from home to have fun.

Sharing a room sucks. I love having my own space and I cherish my solitude. Here I don't have either. I can never get work done in my room. I can't watch or listen to what I want, when I want. I don't think that the roommate forms they have us fill out are accurate enough. There needs to be more questions to answer such as, "How well do you handle noise?" or "Do you like it wben random strangers come into your room and mess with your stuff?" In some cases the student doesn't even fill out his/her own form, a parent does. When that takes place, a really neat person may get stuck with a really messy person because the messy person's parent wants the neat person to straighten them out, and that is not right.

The absolute worst thing about living on campus, in my opinion anyway, is having to live there when you're sick. There is no more uncomfortable time to have a roommate or to share a bathroom with an entire hall. This isn't just the little kid "I want some one to take care of me" instinct either, although having someone to look after you is nice. It is all horrible. You can't take naps because your roommate needs the room, too. The bathroom is really far and there are always people in it. Everything you do is witnessed by at least three people. You're sick and they are standing there listening to you be sick. Is there a reason why the dorms have to get so disgusting on the weekends? I realize that the custodial staff has Saturdays and Sundays off but does that really mean we have to leave a huge disgusting mess for them to clean on Monday? It is really not that hard to clean up after yourselves. You did it once before, when you lived with your parents. You can do it again. Garbage cans are not too hard to find and toilets are located in the bathroom.

I miss my car more then anything else. My car was my lifeline hack home. I like being able to decide when I get to go wbere I want to go. I don't like waiting for a bus or having to sit through seven stops before I get to where I want to go. Bonanza takes five and a half-hours to take me home. I live an hour and a half away.

There are a lot of things I like about being here. I like my classes, meeting all the new, interesting people, and having a lot of opportunities to try new things. I just wish the day-to-day life wasn't so painful.

K. Gomes is a Voice Columnist

Behind the Shades

DAN WALSH

Another day, another dollar... oh if only that were true. I tend to find myself a little less each day. Have you ever woke up from a sound sleep and asked yourself what the hell you were doing with your life? Well, that's me. Every day I get up and every day I go through the motions of life, but lately it seems that it is lacking some sort of purpose. I have a shorter fuse with people, I smoke a little more, and I've lost about 20 pounds since August.

Now one might add all these little things up and say, "Good for you Dan, you're on crack now." If only it were that simple, and no, I'm not on crack. I just seem to be lacking that basic drive that most college students have. So many times throughout the day I just want to stop what I'm doing and leave. I don't just mean leave campus and go to Walmart or something of that nature; but rather, pick up my stuff and just walk away. Where to, not the faintest idea...and even worse, I don't care. If anyone would like to come with me, you're more than welcome; we could start our own little community and do whatever we want. And if anyone asks where you're going, just say your joining my cult, I mean group.

Anyway, I'm (for lack of a better word) bored now and don't feel like writing anymore, so my column will be a little on the short side this week. Anyway, if you get bored or just don't have anything better to do with your life either, come by Davis and hang out with me. Chances are you'll still be just as bored as me, but we can be bored together.

D. Walsh is a Voice Columnist

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Here's a list of random thoughts that I had been compiling over the week, to sort of get the creative process going, and to give me ideas for the column. Upon looking them over, I realized two things. One, with some editing, and maybe a little commentary on each, they kind of make up a column by themselves; and two, I've got way too much time on my hands. Anyway, any of these thoughts may reappear in coming weeks, in more detail, but for now, I'm keeping them pretty simple. Enjoy:

I get a real kick out of these scooters you see all over campus. Maybe it's me, but I get the feeling that if someone putted around campus on one last semester, there would have been a whole lot of snickering going on. Now, three months later, everyone has to have one. Just a thought.

I've heard somewhere that they want to make another sequel to both the Indiana Jones trilogy and the Rocky saga. I love the Indiana Jones movies, so I think another one would be a delightful idea. I also love the Rocky movies, so I think another one would be an entirely wretched idea. They damn near ruined the whole thing with part five, so I'm hoping they come to their senses.

Thousands of children in America go hungry every night, yet "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" is now on four times a week. There seems to be something very wrong with that logic, though I'm not quite sure what.

Why is it that people insist on wearing thirty-dollar shirts matched with sixty-dollar wind pants to the gym?! Incidentally, I was working out this morning, and in walked this group (well, pack may be a better term) of three guys. All were bedecked in Abercrombie, with the alpha male wearing a visor (apparently a sign of status). Anyway, it must have been mating season for this tribe, for they each performed about one set on the bench press (at around sixteen hundred pouads each) then began falling all over each other in order to crowd around a freshmen girl on the stair master. Man, it was classic. I wasn't sure whether to laugh or vomit.

Speaking of Abercrombie, I was sitting in Dunkin' Donuts this summer, when a group of about six teenyboppers walked in. I was amused to find that every single one of them was wearing either an Abercrombie shirt or tank top, dependent on their gender. Some (the high ranking ones, I assume) wore hats from the same store. Anyway, they began chatting with an apparent classmate, who was behind the counter, hard at work brewing up the group's Coffee Coolattas. Overhearing their conversation, I gathered that they were on their way to a Dave Matthews concert. Imagine my surprise (grin).

If I had to pick two animals to cross-breed, they would have to be a skunk and a monkey. I mean, c'mon, how cool would a skunkmonkey be?! First off, I think such a creature would be of all sorts of use to humanity, and second, I would have way more opportunities to say "skunkmonkey." Doesn't the very word bring a smile to your face? (Upon reflection, I've decided that I had no idea what I was talking about when I wrote my skunkmonkey manifesto. For the sake of us all, I can pretty much guarantee that this thought WON'T be turned into a full-fledged column any time soon. Now, just forget you ever heard the word skunkmonkey, and read on.)

OK, I'm not too sure how to say this, but the very concept of political correctness sort of bothers me. See, I realize that it's necessary, but over the last couple years, I've noticed that people bave been focusing on what to call a person, rather than focusing on the individual. Anytime a classification becomes more important than the people themselves, something has gone wrong. Instead of emphasizing all of our differences, why not remember the fact that we're all basically the same inside. Yeah, I know. And I agree. Differences are good. They're what separate you from me. But still, something just doesn't seem right about it. Let me think about it further, and I'll write about this in a week or two. (Ok, I know I've left myself wide open for attack on this one, but remember, I haven't really developed this argument much at all.)

So I'm donating blood one afternoon, and the nurse comes over and tells me that "I'm flowing strong," that my bag was filling up faster than normal. Suddenly I felt this completely irrational pride, and found myself looking around at the other donors, trying to see how much better I was at bleeding. Does anyone else find that somewhat ridiculous? I was like, "Yeah! I'm bleeding way faster than those other guys!" At about that point I realized that I was an idiot. Still, I'm pretty sure that I'm not alone on this. C'mon, admit it. When the nurse tells you that your bag is filling quickly, you feel proud, don't you? Right? Um...guys? Back me up here. Right? Uh, right? Anyone? Hello?

Well, that's about it. I hope I didn't scare anyone off. I'm thinking that in the coming weeks I'll tackle the Political Correetness idea, as well as the whole Abercrombie issue/DMB/scooter thing. As for the skunkmonkey and the rapid bloodletting bit, well, I think I'll just leave those be. Anyway, thanks for reading, have a great week, and I'll talk to you all later.

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

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The Cut

CHRIS WARD

Wazzup Westfield? Hey listen; before I even get started I need to warn you guys about something. At The Nest they're selling calling cards called "Access America" and they look all patriotic in red, white, and blue colors. I thought that they looked familiar when I saw them, and the thing is that I had one before. I took down their 800 number so that I could look into it just to be sure. After ten minutes on hold (more time on hold for you guys, Shippy's got your back) I got a customer care professional (don't even get me started on that) who explained the way it works is that your calls do, indeed, cost 3.9 cents per minute. However, each and every time you use that card, even if you get a busy signal, it costs you an additional 49-cent "connection" fee. This fee is "payed" by subtracting minutes from your card that you didn't even spend on the phone. Then comes an additional "communication" fee that equals 20% of the call that you just made.

I just read what I wrote and I realize it's a bit boring...okay, Sparky, here's the deal. A twenty-minute call will cost you, after the fees, $1.31, which works out to 6.5 cents per minute. The shorter the call is; the worse the deal gets. You're all big boys and girls, get this card if you want to, and then use it to call me because you've apparently got the mind of a hamster and I have a bridge to sell you. What irks me further is that the front of the card says 3.9 cents in big bold letters and nowhere, not even on the back of the card in teeny-tiny print, are the hidden costs explained. I had to call them up. I'm not even sure if that's legal, never mind moral. The woman that I spoke with was quite obviously not enjoying our conversation (for some reason), and she gave me all of the information that I asked for very quickly, but she still made the time to inject "this is a great card" into the conversation like three times, as though she were trying to add some good to offset the pure evil...."I'm going to shoot you in the head twice, sir, but this is a great gun."

"Kryptonite" just came on the radio, which is a good thing because I haven't heard it in, like, five minutes and I was starting to shake uncontrollably.

Riding to Wal-Mart last week, Buddha and I noticed a bumper sticker that read "God is Pro-Life." I hadn't thought of that before but since THEY brought it up, I got to thinking about it (when I think you can smell wood burning). Assuming that the god that they're referring to is the "God" (big "G") of the bible, even a non-believer like me knows that God gave us all something called free will. This means that we are allowed to make decisions that might not necessarily please Him (big "H"). Some guy in Rome and a shaman deep in some cave may concoct rules for their followers, but ultimately they cannot take from us what God has chosen to give. He certainly detests the slaughter of the innocent unborn, as do I. Ultimately, though, the decision is ours to make, individually and as a nation, because by this logic, God is pro-choice.

On the subject of God, I do believe that there is something greater than us; creation assumes the existence of a creator. I also feel, however, that it's a bit arrogant for humanity (especially organized religion) to believe that we can not only conceive of something so beyond us, but also call it our pal and ride around with it's "opinions" on our bumper. Feel free to debate this amongst yourselves, this is simply my opinion and I'm only discussing it because the lady in the Chrysler with the huge blue hair brought it up.

Do the dumpsters HAVE to be emptied between 6:00 and 6:30 am? Are the trash guys vampires, man? You know they're out there laughing...(in cheesy German accents) "Spoiled college kids, with your puny intellects, it's your six-thirty wakeup call! Heh heh" They're laughing at us, I say. Let's all take turns parking in front of the dumpsters so they can't be emptied. That would probably only work out to a ticket or two per person, and then WE'D be the ones laughing, smug with our "superior minds." Buddha doesn't drive, though.

> **"You know they're out there laughing...(in cheesy German accents) 'Spoiled college kids, with your puny intellects, it's your six-thirty wakeup call! Heh heh."**
>
> -Chris Ward

Did you know that the Facilities and Maintenance people are told to minimize contact with us? Apparently if there's any form of discussion then a student needs to initiate it. This is what I was told, anyway. I was also told most of them really hate that rule, and that's because most I've spoken with, under penalty of the law, are very cool people. Especially the building maintainers, who arrive early, leave late, and really do think of us as "their kids"... despite the pizza boxes and occasional vomit. I recommend that you take a moment or two from your busy life to get to know a few. Plus they have ALL of the dirt on this place!

Speaking of pizza boxes, you guys who leave your empty boxes lying around and get your entire section charged should be castrated. Then you think yourselves pretty slick by tearing off the label, rendering the box untraceable by the Westfield State crime lab. Not so. R.A.s, all you need to do is call that pizzeria and see which pizzas were delivered to your section, then charge the appropriate room that way. You can even check the order by examining the remains. Don't think that talking about it in the paper this way will blow the plan, either, because these people are lazy by nature and they don't think you'd go that far. If you follow this plan, give me a call first, all right? I really want to see the look on their face.

Hey, do me a favor. Go to the bathroom with a Baby Ruth bar and wait in one of the stalls. When the next stall becomes occupied, smear the Baby Ruth all over your hand, reach under the stall, and say "Hey, man, got any more paper over there?!"

Now a word about the campus Internet problem. Umass is the ISP for all of the colleges in Massachusetts. This means that before you connect to the WWW, you connect to them through a line that runs from here to Amherst. Expecting an increase in computer use and knowing that speed would become a factor, the computer center wisely ordered a faster, dedicated transmission wire (called a T-3 for you nerds who need to know) from Verizon (don't get me started on them, either) which would double, and in some cases triple, existing bandwidth. The order was placed toward the end of last school year, in plenty uf time to have it up and running by September. Then Verizon went on strike and everything got screwed up. Our computers aren't slow because "Westfield sucks, man" or because of some shortcoming on the part of the computer center, it's Verizon's fault. When the part comes in, the system will be better. The guys in the computer center are just as anxious as we are to see that happen. I'm thinking more so because they're the ones taking the brunt of the abuse from whichever uninformed boobs keep calling them to bitch.

One month into school and reports from an "un-named insider" on the 333 one-stop-shopping debacle indicate that the place is running about as efficiently as a third-world nation. Like you needed me to tell you that...still, what a sweet deal it must be as a customer service person to be physically removed from the midst of your customers. Next maybe they'll lock the doors and electrify the counter. Lay mines on the front lawn. Erect guard towers. Dig a moat. Okay, I'm done.

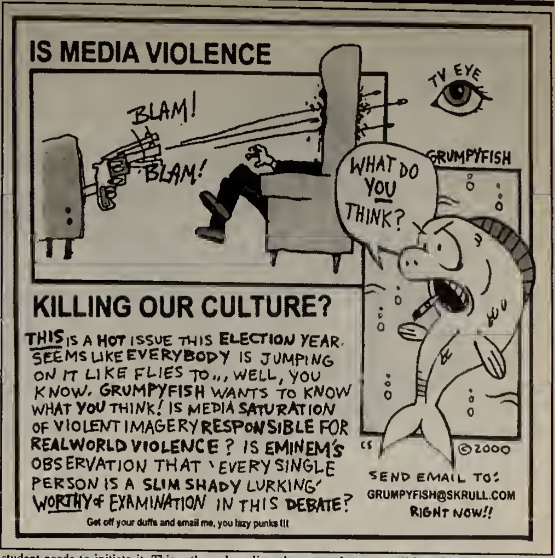
Speaking of "unnamed insiders," what's up with that bookstore employee in last week's recycling article that was afraid to give their name? What sort of commentary on working conditions there does THAT provide? Is there no whistle-blower protection for work-study? It's a climate of fear over there, people, and with good reason. You freshmen didn't see that girl last year that complained about book prices. She was dragged naked and screaming from her chem. lab and shot dead in Auditorium B as a warning to others. This has been "Great Moments in WSC History."

Well, it's late, I need to sleep or pass out or whatever. Looking uut the window I can see the Canadian-born trappers, distinctive in their red flannel and fur hats (but not a real fur hat, that's cruel) delivering the day's catch of black squirrels to the rear of the caf... tomorrow must be roast beef day on the sandwichline.

By way of rebuttal to Mr. Heaton's well-formed and obviously heartfelt reply to last week's "Cut", allow me please to restate the intent of my column. I believe in the power of critical thinking and a questioning attitude toward what ANY "authority" may try to hand down. Mostly for the purpose of making my point, not to mention pure entertainment value, I will bring ideas or beliefs to a ridiculous extreme. If you simply must focus undue attention upon any words I write, may it always be to the final three words of every column that I write.

Keep on hitting it hard, Ragtree (my favorite campus band), because it isn't a matter of "if," it's only a question of "when." And finally, Shippy say "If you can't beat them, arrange to have them beaten." Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist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Meanwhile at M.A.R.A.S.A

NICK GENGARELLY

As a quick reminder for anyone who didn't read my column last week, or who has no idea what M.A.R.A.S.A is and what it means, here's a recap. M.A.R.A.S.A is a newly-formed men's group solely on the WSC campus whose purpose is to educate men on how to keep themselves out of poor sexual situations, and also teach them how to treat women with respect. During Parent's Weekend, we had our own table set up where we gave out our flyers and white ribbons, which represent Men Against Rape And Sexual Assault, the acronym that M.A.R.A.S.A stands for.

Wednesday, September 20, 2000 marked the first general interest meeting for M.A.R.A.S.A. Although the turnout wasn't quite as large as we had intended, the ones who did show up brought with them open minds and full hearts. Much was discussed in the amount of time we met and even more was planned. The new faces shared with us their ideas for M.A.R.A.S.A. and what they thought it stood for, and how to better our organization. To the table they also brought the reasons why they decided to come, and even more reasons why they wanted to stay. Everyone who came had nothing but positive input and all had an incredible outlook for the future of M.A.R.A.S.A.

Some of the things discussed were why any or all of us were there, and the answer was pretty much the same for us all. Helping others always gives individuals a feeling of pride and responsibility, but going the extra inch by protecting others and educating even more takes that feeling to the next level.

People are always saying, "I wish I could do something about all the sexual assaults," and "I would love to get involved but I'm only one person." Well you're not only one person anymore; now you can be part of a family, and bring what you desire to share. M.A.RA.S.A is a great way to take actions to do accomplish such things and an even better place to join with others who feel the same as you. Everyone who came to our meeting had the kindest of hearts and were more than willing to spread the word of M.A.R.A.S.A. Everyone there wanted to see us flourish and grow within the Westfield community and then carry our message even further.

For our next meeting, which has yet to be determined, we asked everybody who attended this week to bring at least one other person so we double the size of our group and the amount of people we know who care and want to see changes.

While brainstorming ideas for our cause, a suggestion was made to pay visits to each dorm separately. This is something we are more than capable of doing and are sure to pursue it. We hope to send two members to every dorm and either speak to them by section or as a whole. So if you see a M.A.R.A.S.A flyer hanging up in your dorm and have some interest in what we're trying to do here, make sure you come, and maybe even bring someone else, because every mind touched is one on our side.

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

I'd like to start this week's column by thanking everyone from Lammers Hall who voted for me for Senate Representative. I'm really looking forward to what should be a challenging new endeavor for me.

I'm sure I won't be alone by asking what the heck is wrong with our campus phone and internet systems? Two weeks ago, the Computer Center claimed that they have switched to a "faster" network. I was at the library just yesterday and it took about twenty minutes to print one article. I've been trying for the past forty minutes to get into AOL, via Netscape, to check my mail!

As for the phone, I'm always afraid that I won't be able to dial off campus, since many times I can't, even though I have a valid account. I could understand if this were a large university, such as UMASS, but give me a break! I forgot to mention that a research librarian told me that the terminals were frozen on Saturday! Don't tell me it was being overused either; there aren't enough people here to overuse anything on the weekends! Good thing there's a library downtown, but why shouldn't students be able to get the most out of the school they're paying to attend? Granted it's only September, but midterms are in a few weeks.

As for Mr. Haar's assertion that all students need to do is read the Resnet handout, I have done this, and have visited the Computer Center about getting online. Even after following their instructions, it still takes a long time to load websites.

I would have to say that I have found most of the people at the Computer Center to be very helpful. I hope they will work hard to get this situation fixed soon!

K. Heaton is a
Voice Columnist

President's first step should seek common ground

RONALD BROWNSTEIN

It may not seem this way to readers already weary of Dubya and Mr. Liplock, but eventually the presidential campaign will end. (We promise.) And then either George W. (that's Dubya to you, buddy) Bush or Al Gore (our wife-smooching vice president) will face the next challenge: accomplishing something in Washington.

Both will find the capital strangely unaccustomed to getting things done. Since the balanced budget deal in 1997, Republicans and Democrats alike have stopped exercising all the muscles they once used to make deals and reach compromises. Whoever wins, the two sides will find plenty to argue about after January. But if the new president is going to get anything done in the next Congress, he'll need to take a step-by-step approach.

Before the two parties can reach agreements on the big questions - tax cuts, reforming Social Security, prescription drugs - they are likely to need what diplomats call "confidence-building measures." These are smaller steps that restore trust - and convince the two sides they can work together. Fortunately, on a number of domestic issues, Bush and Gore have offered proposals similar enough that the two parties should be able to reach agreement, no matter who wins. And that could create the momentum for larger change.

Where could the next president go for some quick bipartisan agreements? Here's a list of 10 ideas Gore or Bush (and in most cases both) are promoting that could command broad support in the next Congress. They fall into three categories.

HEALTH

Insuring working adults: Innovative governors in both parties, from California Democrat Gray Davis to Wisconsin Republican Tommy G. Thompson, are pressing Washington for permission to cover uninsured parents whose children are eligible for the existing Children's Health Insurance Program. Gore and Bush both like the idea, but only Gore has called for setting aside money ($55 billion over 10 years) to help states cover the cost. That is the better approach. States might be able to cover some adults with the funds Washington now provides for children, but any significant coverage increase will demand new money.

Healthy kids: About two-thirds of the 12 million U.S. children without health insurance are eligible now for the Children's Health Insurance Program or Medicaid. But many states have done a poor job enrolling them. Gore has sensibly proposed requiring states to pick up the pace or face a loss of federal funds. And he's urged a series of practical enrollment reforms, including school-based sign-ups, that could quickly bring health care to millions of children.

Community health: Even if Bush or Gore passes his full wish list of health-care reforms, millions of Americans will still lack health insurance. That underscores the need to bolster the nation's network of community health centers - federally funded, locally run institutions that provide safety-net care for the uninsured. President Clinton and Gore haven't made this as much a priority, but Bush has proposed a $3.6 billion, five-year funding increase for the centers, an idea that builds on groundwork already laid by a bipartisan Senate coalition.

EDUCATION

Accountability: If Bush hadn't proposed it first, Democrats would undoubtedly be promoting his idea of requiring states to test students every year from third through eighth grade in reading and math - and then rewarding or penalizing states based on the results. Bush's plan offers a basis for congressional compromise because centrist Democrats (led by Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut, Gore's vice-presidential choice) have already proposed a similar scheme that would give states more flexibility in spending federal money in return for tougher accountability. The flaw in Bush's blueprint is the lack of a national yardstick to assess the state tests; that could be fixed by adding to the plan the voluntary national tests in reading and math that Clinton and Gore have urged.

School construction: Both Gore and Bush have acknowledged that Washington should help local governments with the multibillion-dollar challenge of modernizing crumbling schools. But Bush, for ideological reasons, has proposed a Rube Goldberg scheme to meet the task. Clinton and Gore, backed by Rep. Nancy L. Johnson, R-Conn., and a bipartisan coalition in the House, have a better idea: federal tax credits to pay the interest on local school construction bonds.

Charter schools: Gore and Bush have both zeroed in on a central challenge facing charter schools, which operate free of most union and bureaucratic rules. States generally provide these new schools operating funds for their students but no start-up money to obtain and renovate their facilities. Both Gore and Bush sensibly propose to fill that gap with federal aid.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Faith-based reforms: Both Bush and Gore want to give religion-based charities a greater role in delivering social services, such as treatment for drug abuse. Such a shift would both honor and accelerate the revival of community-based activism that is reinvigorating troubled neighborhoods around America.

Fatherhood: Gore and Bush both want to provide grants to local groups that help reconnect absent fathers with their families and provide job training and placement for low-income men who are behind on their child support payments. Gore's right when he calls this ``the next phase in welfare reform."

Child care: Gore has adopted the best idea from primary opponent Bill Bradley: making the tax credit for child care more available to the working poor. Under current law, the people who most need help paying for child care - low-income working parents - often don't get it because they don't have any federal income tax liability; Gore would allow them to claim the credit as a refund on their taxes. That change could put up to $2,400 in the pocket of the waitress mom with two kids that Bush often cites - far more than his tax plan offers.

Homeownership: Clinton and Gore have made great strides toward increasing homeownership among low-income and minority families by prodding banks to make more mortgage loans in working-poor neighborhoods. Bush has proposed a worthwhile follow up: allowing low-income families to apply their federal rental vouchers toward the down payment on a new home.

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Recommendations for Ralph

Open Letter to Ralph and Winona:

This letter is to tell you [the Green Party] how they could win this election instead of just getting 5% of the vote.

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2. Put a cap on incomes of $200,000 per year.
3. Control prices.
4. Give everyone a two-year exemption from paying federal taxes (or until all the money over the $2 million limit has been spent).

The average U.S. worker earns $34,000 per year, so these limits are very reasonable.

People will once again be able to afford medical care or go to a ballgame or concert.

And they will not be insulted by seeing their own boss or a golfer making a thousand times more money than they do.

-John Harrigan

Ben Harper delivers powerful perfomance at Riverfest

BY RJ BURGESS III
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On an overcast Sunday afternoon in late September, the music subculture proved to many that the prostitution of the industry has not fully corrupted all artists.

Bands like Juliana Hatfield, Galactic, Angry Salad, and Sleater Kinney played their hearts out to hundreds of open-minded music fans at the Riverfest at the Three County Fairgrounds on Sunday, Septemher 24, 2000.

It seemed only appropriate that a festival of this nature should be located in Northampton, MA, and that Sonic Youth, with members residing in the town, should play before the headlining act, Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals.

I saw Sonic Youth perform for the first time opening for Pearl Jam almost a month prior to the Riverfest, but this time they played nearly twice as long and I was in the front row rather than hundreds of feet back, thus their intensity was amplified a great deal. For almost a full hour, their instruments wailed with undefineable emotion and true originality. Old fans rejoiced with songs such as "Teenage Riot" and "Schizophrenia" and new listeners became devoted fans of this twenty-year-old never-say-die rock band.

Just as Sonic Youth finished their set, it began to rain. Those of us who had stood in the same spot for three hours or more to be in a favorahle vantage point when Ben Harper took the stage shivered at the thought that the show might get rained out if the clouds persisted.

Ironically, I had also seen Ben Harper and Co. just one time before, also opening for Pearl Jam, but back in 1996 when I was not as familiar with his music.

Harper and the Innocent Criminals took the stage at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Perhaps it was the enormous ovation, or maybe the very presence of Harper, or maybe just a shift in the atmosphere, but by the time the band began with "Mama's Got a Girlfriend Now" from the album *Welcome to the Cruel World*, the sky had cleared and a sunset like I had not seen in years began forming behind the stage.

Harper, wearing a Toronto ambulance shirt and sitting in his uncharacteristic chair, was handed a douhle neck guitar for song number two: "Burn to Shine." It was just after this song when Harper pointed out the rainbow that was in front of him and behind the audience. It is said that rainbows are a gift from God reminding those on Earth that He will never send a Great Flood again. Whether one believes this Etiology or not, it would be difficult to easily dismiss a rainhow at a Ben Harper concert, considering spiritual content in his lyrics.

Next, Harper sang "Every moral has its story/ and every story has its end," in a breathtaking version of "Glory and Consequence" from *The Will to Live* album.

After the song was finished, Harper looked behind the stage at the sunset of orange and red that spanned the sky. "That looks like heaven," he said. "But this is heaven and let us live like it is."

Anyone who owns or has borrowed a friend's Ben Harper CD knows that the man is giving 150% in those songs. I always imagined him being an intense person, but he proved me wrong with a laid-back stage presence that had the crowd laughing between songs.

This humor was a good balance between the serious nature that most of his songs have, accept for the next song he played, with an acoustic guitar that had "Free Leonard Peltier" written on it. In "Burn One Down," he sarcastically sings, "If you don't like my fire, than don't come around, 'cuz I'm gonna burn one down."

-Photo by RJ Burgess III

Ben Harper headlined this years' Riverfest

The next half of his set was full of more passion and musical talent that I have ever seen performed. In "The Will to Live," "Ground on Down," and "Please Bleed," I was sure he would burst into tears at any given moment within the songs. Passionate solos came from several different guitars, including the unique Weissenborn that sits in his lap, electric and acoustic. These all shot through his old ducktaped Marshal Amps and into the crowd's souls. In the next two songs, "Forgiven" and "The Woman in You," I nearly forgot to applaud because I was so busy admiring his talents.

As it approached 7:45 p.m., the band had what seemed to be a roadie, called "The Human Beatbox," join them on stage for the only Ben Harper song I've heard on the radio: "Steal My Kisses." Harper left his podium for the first time to dance with the other three members of the band and upon completion the song, left the stage.

Several minutes later, they returned and began playing the rockin' song "Faded." Just as the song blended into a cover of Jimi Hendrix's "Voodoo Child," the power in the concert speakers failed and the night abruptly ended. But even this unfortunate turn of events could not ruin the experience for the hundreds of devoted fans. If you enjoy music with intent and emotion, developed from music legends such as Hendrix and Bob Marley, pick up any one of Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals' albums and never let it go.

Musical Master Piece for Finger Eleven

MARK HITE

It's rare to find a band in the modern rock scene that flirts with depression lyric-wise, yet still finds a way to move on in the end. Finger Eleven does this perfectly in the musical masterpiece "The Greyest of Blue Skies."

The five-man band, who hail out of Ontario, originally was known as The Rainbow Butt Monkeys, but later changed to Finger Eleven. Their first major CD "Tip" came out in 1998 and they toured with popular rock acts like Creed, Fuel, and I Mother Earth. Immediately, they gained respect as not just another opening band and developed a strong fan base.

Oddly enough, the band's name is an influence in the back of one's brain that points someone in the right direction. This couldn't fit the theme of Finger Eleven's music any better.

Now they are back in the year 2000 with their new effort. Although the name does seem dreary, "The Greyest of Blue Skies" provides the perfect mix of dark, melodic, guitar-driven songs that show light at the end of the tunnel of depression. The songs are diverse. Some will rile you up, while others will lull you to sleep.

The emotional lyrics are crooned out in melodic fashion by frontman Scott Anderson who has a voice that almost cries out, "Sing along with me."

The opening track, "The First Time" immediately grabs the listeners' attention with its chugging riffs and dark undertones. The song deals with the hardships of being knocked down by something devastating, then getting up and dusting yourself off.

The band gets this across by repeating the addicting chorus, "It feels like the first time/ And we're standing about them/ And no one can touch us/ The worst is over."

This leads to several other great tracks such as the explosive "Sick of it All," which deals with the pain of facing who you are in life and the emotional roller coaste,r "Famous," which faces the idea of being stuck in the pull between happiness and sadness.

The band also does a cover of the Depeche Mode song "Walking In My Shoes," which only adds to the emotional feel of the entire disc.

"For the past few years we've been playing it live so we thought it an interesting notion to record it," guitarist James Black said. "In many ways, this song had just as much history and relevance to us as any of the other songs since this one had been along the ride over the years."

Black also sketched the abstract art for the CD's cover, which features a mechanical individual on the ground above a broken cross.

The major problem for Finger Eleven has been getting out of the shadow of overplayed rock act Creed who is also on the same label. However, if Finger Eleven's attitude is anything like their lyries, they will fight and crawl from their current status to make it big in the world of rock. Already they have achieved success on college air waves and have a song on mainstream radio, "Drag You Down." "The Greyest of Blue Skies" was also the number one most-played CD for WSKB summer radio this year.

Finger Eleven's "The Greyest of Blue Skies" is a must for any hard rock fan looking to escape the overdone sounds of nu-metal and typical modern rock. Almost every track can be sung along with and most people can relate to the lyrics. After all, almost everyone has experienced a bad time or two when it comes to relationships, self doubt, and depression. Finger Eleven's music encourages people to deal with those problems by being true to themselves and moving on while learning from the past.

Check out Mark's radio show every Thursday night 6-8 PM and for more CD reviews check out his web site at www.geocities.com/thatdude66!

Mark "The Porno Freak" every Thursday night 6-8 PM. On WSKB 89.5

Wanted

Actor for the part of "Father" and a pianist in this semester's production of "Children of Eden"

The Musical Theatre Guild's Fall Production

Auditions will be held in Parenzo Hall in Dever Auditorium
on Wednesday October 4, at 6:30 p.m.
The part of the father is a demanding role with intense vocal abilities.
Lead Male Role

Auditions for the pianist will be at the same location on October 5, at 6:30 p.m. and will include pay.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Andy Clark

JED DION
A&E EDITOR

WSKB and Andy Clark bring you the hard sounds of Pantera, Metallica, ACDC and more every Friday night from 6 o'clock pm. to 8 o'clock pm.

Clark, a sophomore, started doing a radio show as a freshmen. Starting in the fall, Clark did a show with friend Mike Boyd. The duo were then seperated for the spring semester. Now, as a sophomore, Clark does his show with an intern. Boyd, however, stops by from time to time to help out with the show.

"I became interested in doing a radio show after working with my neighbor who did weddings and parties. I had a good time doing it so I figured I'd get into it here." said Clark.

"I got into the harder music by doing a radio show. I'd play things off the racks and the more I played it, the more I liked it." said Clark. Clark tries to play a lot of stuff off the WSKB racks. The racks are divided into three catagories. Top two hundred music which consists of rock to techno. Then there's the loud rack which is made up of punk, hardcore and other things that could be called loud. The third catagory is hip-hop ranging from staight up rap to drum and bass.

"I've tried doing contests in the past. When I was a Freshmen, I tried but no one would call up. Maybe this year people will call." said Clark. Clark and his intern hope to get some people to come onto the show to be interviewed or just to talk. The duo is looking into the possibility of having people from well-known bands come on

"When people do call, they make requests. Sometimes we get prank calls, just people yelling into the phone and stuff." said Clark.

Clark still isn't declared for a major.

"I've been taking mostly core classes right now, but I think I might be interested in being a CJ major or maybe even Mass Communications." said Clark.

Besides doing a radio show Clark enjoys skiing, hiking, snow mobiling, camping and is heavily into classic cars.

"My favorite quote comes from one I heard and ended up using in my high school yearbook. It goes, 'I wouldn't want to be normal even if I knew what it was.'" said Clark.

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Joe Skahan punk/ska 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Nate Germain new 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Chris & Matt punk 8-10am		
Stephani Poole new 10-12pm	Andy Lamica new 10-12pm	The Duck & Venus 10-12pm	Brian Harmon ska/punk 10-12pm	Steve Camera punk 10-12pm	Joe & Katie new 10-12pm	Amanda & Holly new 10-12pm
Scott Toomey 12-2pm	Brian Mazzone 12-2pm	Michelle & Jeff 12-2pm	Nathan 12-2pm	Mike Berman 12-2pm	Bob, Corey & Brenda 12-2pm	Nick 12-2pm
Matt & Justin hip-hop/80's rock 2-4pm	Jon & Jon new & retro 2-4pm	Melissa & Kelly 2-4pm	Cyclone J new 2-4pm	Kevin & Bobb new 2-4pm	Amy & Andrea 2-4pm	Mike & Jeff jazz 2-4pm
Mike Boyd punk 4-6pm	Jim Cartier new 4-6pm	Kay Saltmarsh mix 4-6pm	Dj Renzi & co. talk/music 4-6pm	Eileen2 celtic 4-6pm	Bob & Matt new 4-6pm	Music For Your Mind 4-6pm
Melissa Saporetti 6-8pm	Ska/Punk & Other Junk 6-8pm	Warhead Show w/ Jeff Carter 6-8pm	Mark Hite metal 6-8pm	Andy Clark metal 6-8pm	Mike Dion new 6-8pm	Doc B. jazz 6-8pm
Wes & Charles hip-hop 8-10pm	Mike, Chris, Laurel & Jeff 8-10pm	Smike & Kyle punk 8-10pm	Josh Thomson ska/punk 8-10pm	April Bak new/loud 8-10pm	Saturday Night Live in the Ely Campus Center. Check it out from 8-12am Prizes!	Time Warp to the 80's 8-10pm
Everyone Loves Emo 10-12am	Andy McArdle 10-12am	Shawn & Martin electronic 10-12am	Eric & Tim 10-12am	James & Mike 10-12am		Lamont Stockey hip-hop 10-12am
Tim & Amy electronic 12-2am	Dave, Stephan & Greg 12-2am	Mike & Christian 12-2am	Kim & Katey new 12-2am	Steve Knachel 12-2am	Blake & Ryan 12-2am	Mark, Kevin & Shannon 12-2am
		Dave Lucander 2-4am				

Alone

By: Magaly Santana

Alone
In the bodily temple that is no longer mine,
In the abandoned house, or so it seems through my eyes,
In the crowd of impure souls wandering like zombies,
I am alone.

Alone
On the crystal sea that has no image of its own,
On the mountain tops echoing my name,
On a voyage to a world unknown,
I am alone.

Alone
When I see people's shadow through the rhythm of music,
When I am embraced by a familiar face,
When I am given a token of gratitude,
I am alone.

Alone
Day in day out my life holds solitude,
Individuals come to extend a hand yet
No one knows how to give me fortitude
That is why I am alone.

Alone
I cry for answers through my pain,
Through torments, insanity,
It's all the same,
That is why I am alone.

Alone
In the bodily temple that is no longer mine,
On the crystal sea that has no image of its own,
When I see people's shadows through the rhythm of music,
I am alone.

Socialist Party
Presidential Candidate
David McReynolds will speak at
WSC on Thur. Oct. 5 at 3 p.m.
in the Scanlon Living Room

Jeff's Cinema Scoop

JEFF CARTER

It's been three years since Warner Brothers released a new Batman film, and after the rancid pile of guano, known as Batman & Robin ,stunk up cinemas in 1997, I'm pretty sure most people thought they would never see another one again. However, the Warner Bros. is looking to revive the stagnant franchise with not one, but TWO brand new Batman adventures.

According to a recent issue of Variety, Darren Aronofsky has been officially offered the opportunity to write and direct the new Batman movie, called *Batman: Year One*. The 31-year-old Aronofsky caught the eye of studio executives everywhere with the release of his brilliant independent film *Pi* in 1998. *Pi* is an extremely dark, noir-ish film, and Aronofsky seems to be the perfect choice to save the franchise from the lighthearted camp silliness of Joel Schumacher's Batman movies. (I guess this means no more rubber nipples or neon!)

Even more exciting to Batman fans was the announcement that comic book God Frank Miller has also signed on to the project to help Aronofsky write the script. When Miller joined up, rumors ran wild that the next Batman movie would be an adaptation of his critically-lauded *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns* graphic novel, which chronicled the adventures of a middle-aged Batman in a bleak, dystopian future Gotham City. However, Aronofosky opted to adapt Miller's *Batman: Year One* comic series instead, feeling it was a better way to "re-invent" the franchise and start from scratch.

Batman: Year One will be a "prequel," similar to *Star Wars Episode I*, telling the story of a young Bruce Wayne as he hones his crime-fighting skills and dons the cape and cowl for the first time to avenge the death of his parents. We will get to see the awe-inspiring moment when the bat breaks through Wayne Manor's picture window, the discovery of the bat-cave, and the building of the first Batmobile.

Year One also follows the development of a young "Captain" Gordon in his rise to the title of police commissioner of Gotham City.

In the comic series, the only costumed villain from Batman's famous "rogues gallery" to appear is Catwoman, who is portrayed as a prostitute. There is some speculation that we will see the Joker and the Penguin make appearances in the film, depending on where the screenwriting process goes. So far, no casting choices have been made, but several Internet sites have reported *Angel* and *Buffy* TV star David Boreanaz is in negotiations to play the young Bruce Wayne. Brad Pitt and Ben Affleck have also been linked to the project, but both have since denied any involvement. If all goes well, expect *Batman: Year One* in June 2002.

The other Batman film in the works is a live action adaptation of the animated *Batman Beyond* Saturday morning show. The show's writer/producer Paul Dini has been tapped to develop the screenplay and the art direction for the project, with *Remember the Titans'* Boaz Yakin directing.

Batman Beyond takes place in the distant future where Bruce Wayne is 80 years old and long since retired as Batman. He gives over the Mantle of the Bat to a hotheaded 17-year-old named Terry McGinnis. With a high-tech suit of Bat-armor, Terry battles various evildoers such as the Joker's bike gang, Inque and Blight in a Blade-Runner-esque futuristic Gotham City.

Keanu Reeves has expressed interest in playing Terry McGinnis, but is far too old for the role. *Batman Beyand* isn't expected to hit theaters until 2003, but a direct-to-video animated movie hits store shelves on Oct. 24 called *Batman Beyond:Return of the Joker*.

J. Carter is a Voice Columnist

This Week in Music News

Whitney Houston, Eddie Vedder, & the Peppers

By Jed Dion
A&E Editor

Whitney Houston has been slapped with a drug charge by the state of Hawaii, punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a $1,000 fine. Last January, security officials at the Keahole-Kona International Airport caught Houston allegedly with a half-ounce of marijuana with her.

Prosecutors are giving Houston until October 26 to turn herself in to police, or they say they might issue a warrant for her arrest.

Pearl Jam frontman Eddie Vedder got political one night in Seattle, performing a pair of songs at a rally for Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader during a fund-raising event at Key Arena.

On Friday, September 22, in Van Nuys, California, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony's Flesh-N-Bone was sentenced to spend 11 years in a California state prison for threatening a friend with an AK-47 back in December.

The Beastie Boys and Rage Against The Machine have finally abandoned plans for their joint "Rhyme & Reason 2000" tour, citing "insurmountable logistical, scheduling, and health problems." The tour, which was originally announced in late June, was supposed to have kicked off on August 2 in Toronto, but was then postponed after Beastie Boy Mike D injured his shoulder a little more than a week before the tour's start.

On Thursday night, the Peppers will hook up with acclaimed video director Wayne Isham to film the band's concert in Portland, Oregon, for an upcoming DVD and home video. Warner Bros. has yet to set a release date for the live DVD and video, and there are currently no plans for an accompanying album to be culled from the Chili Peppers' show at Memorial Coliseum.

The Offspring has scrapped plans to release its forthcoming album, Conspiracy of One, on the Internet nearly a month before its official Nov. 14 release after a legal battle with its label group, Sony Music, proved too problematic for the band and its fans.

Ozzy Osbourne is asking that Black Sabbath's name be taken off the list of nominees on the 2001 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame ballot for the second year in a row, but not because he hates his former band.

"Why don't they let the fans vote?" asked Osbourne in a statement released on Monday. "As it stands now, what's the point? It's a joke. It's about glad-handing and grandstanding and I don't want any part of it."

Rapper Ol' Dirty Bastard, aka Russell Jones, got a reprieve of sorts on September 21 from the Los Angeles Superior Court. The Wu-Tang Clan member appeared in court with a representative of Impact House, a drug treatment center, where the judge gave the rapper 12 hour passes to do community service.

"Have you been watching the Olympics?"

"I HAVE BEEN WATCHING A LITTLE BIT, BUT ONLY WHEN I WAS SICK AT HOME."

NATE BLAIS
PSYCHOLOGY
2004

"I HAVEN'T REALLY HAD TIME TO WATCH THIS OLYMPICS."

VANESSA WHALEY
EDUCATION
2004

"MY FAVORITE EVENT IS SWIMMING, OUR WOMEN'S TEAM HAS BEEN WHIPPIN SERIOUS BUTT!

KRISTIN FEHLAU
MUSIC
2001

"I WATCHED THE TRAMPOLINE COMP. & I THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY FUNNY THAT PEOPLE COMPETED JUST BY JUMPING UP AND DOWN!"

ANDREA SEMPOS
PSYCHOLOGY 2002

"I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE WEIGHTLIFTING COMPETITION, AND HOW MANY WORLD RECORDS WERE MADE."

ANTHONY DICICCO
MASSCOMM-2001

"YES, BECAUSE I HAVE TO WATCH IT FOR CLASS. MY FAVORITE EVENT TO WATCH IS SWIMMING."

AARON MORRIS
ELEMENTARY ED
2001

-Compiled by Megan Meehan

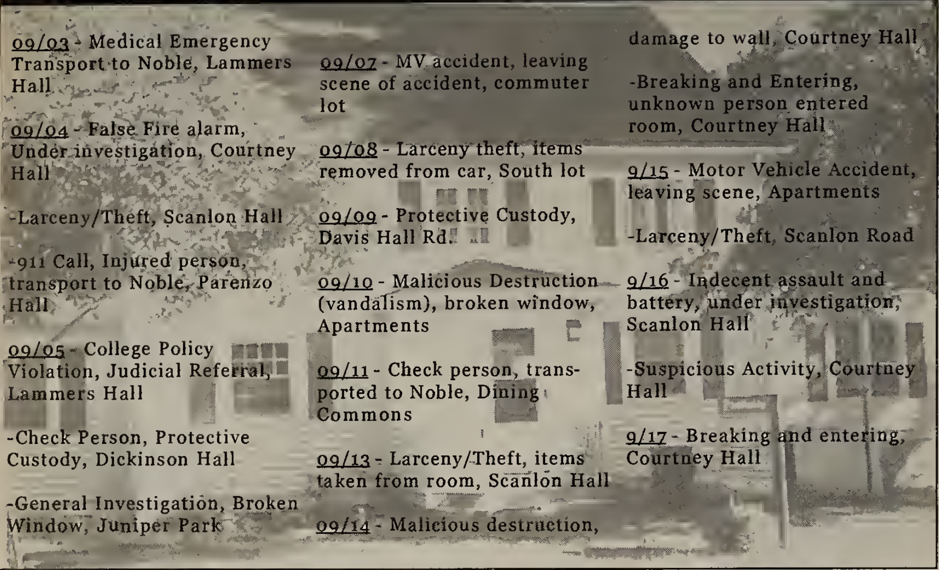
COFFEEHOUSE

Wednesday, October 4th

8pm in the Ely Campus Center
All talents are encouraged to participate!
Call Maggie Smith at x5429 to sign up!

Come join the fun!

Police Log from 9/03/00-9/17/00



09/03 - Medical Emergency Transport to Noble, Lammers Hall

09/04 - False Fire alarm, Under investigation, Courtney Hall

-Larceny/Theft, Scanlon Hall

-911 Call, Injured person, transport to Noble, Parenzo Hall

09/05 - College Policy Violation, Judicial Referral, Lammers Hall

-Check Person, Protective Custody, Dickinson Hall

-General Investigation, Broken Window, Juniper Park

09/07 - MV accident, leaving scene of accident, commuter lot

09/08 - Larceny theft, items removed from car, South lot

09/09 - Protective Custody, Davis Hall Rd.

09/10 - Malicious Destruction (vandalism), broken window, Apartments

09/11 - Check person, transported to Noble, Dining Commons

09/13 - Larceny/Theft, items taken from room, Scanlon Hall

09/14 - Malicious destruction, damage to wall, Courtney Hall

-Breaking and Entering, unknown person entered room, Courtney Hall

9/15 - Motor Vehicle Accident, leaving scene, Apartments

-Larceny/Theft, Scanlon Road

9/16 - Indecent assault and battery, under investigation, Scanlon Hall

-Suspicious Activity, Courtney Hall

9/17 - Breaking and entering, Courtney Hall

ROCK THE VOTE!

October 3 through October 9

Activites Include:

* Voter Registration

* MassPIRG Trip to Voter Conference

* Coffeehouse on Oct. 4 in Ely

* DJ's on October 5

* Local Bands on October 9 include:

No Intention

Groove Selector

Lloyds Hill

My Disco Village

The Bill Chapman Trio

Erebus

Come play! - Have some fun! - Meet new people!

Open to all WSC Women

Any women interested in playing kickball, Please call the IM office at x5424 for more information

Open Gym Hours

Parenzo Gym

Note Changes

Mon. 11p-1a
Tue. 11p-1a
Wed. 11p-1a
Thur. 9p-12a
Fri. 6p-9p
Sat. 4p-8p
Sun. 2p-11p

Soccer

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 11 by 6:30 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 233

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Billiards

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting Wed. Oct. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Ely 233

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

5-5 Basketball

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 6:30 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 233

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Intramurals

■ Men's Volleyball Teams Needed

Still Accepting Rosters

Get them in ASAP

Not on a team, but want to play?

Call x5424

■ All Schedules are posted in Ely outside Rm 231. Please check the schedules DAILY for game times! If you cannot make a game you are scheduled for, you MUST notify the In. office (x5424) immediately! 24 hr. notice for cancelling a game or you will receive a forfeit.

Co-ed Volleyball

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 7:00 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Ely 233

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Water Polo

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 7:30 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Ely 233

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Intramural Ice Hockey...

Starting on Oct. 4 at 10 p.m.

Amelia Skating Rink (Next to Boys & Girls Club)

Intramural Standings

Flag Football (W-L-T)

Airball	6-0
T&A	5-1
House of Pain	5-1
Team Pig	5-2
Golden Showers	3-1
AFF	3-1
1 in the stink	2-3
Piss Clams	2-4
Sunset Bombers	2-4
Raw Dawgs	1-2
Dirty Dozen	1-3
War Pigs	0-3
Wylde Stallions	0-4
Titans	0-6

1-Pitch Softball (W-L-T)

Spearing Britney	8-0
Mandelay	4-1
Raw Dawgs	2-1
BKKB	1-1
Dirty Dozen	1-6
Golden Showers	0-3
Team Pig	0-4

3-on-3 Basketball

T&A	6-2
Enforcers	5-3
Supermen	4-0
16th Men	3-1
Team Pig	4-5
J Blazers	3-6
Cream Team	1-9

Football Squad Drops Heartbreaker To Mass Maritime On Final Play

BUZZARDS BAY - Senior Jay Miller of Plymouth kicked an 18-yard field goal as time expired to give Mass Maritime Academy a thrilling 9-7 Homecoming football victory over Westfield State.

Mass Maritime is now 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Bogan Division of the New England Football Conference. Westfield is 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the division.

"That was a very exciting game and a tough loss for our players," said coach Steve Marino. "I was especially proud of the way our defense played."

With no timeouts, Mass Martime took over at its own 42 with 2:02 remaining in the game. The Buccaneers managed the clock effectively, picking up several first downs before stopping the clock by running out of bounds.

With 12 seconds remaining, Westfield stopped Mass Maritime on a third-down rush attempt from the one-yard line. On the final play of the frantic finish, Miller booted the ball high and straight through the uprights to spoil the Owls' upset bid. Miller - who also is captain of the Mass Maritime varsity soccer team - missed 26 and 25-yard field goal attempts earlier in the game.

Westfield took a 7-6 lead with 13:14 left in the game on a two-yard touchdown run by Shawn Lyman of West Springfield. John Frasco of Chicopee kicked the all-important extra point. Westfield's scoring drive covered 80 yards with key receptions to Frasco (39 yards) and sophomore tight end Kevin Vaughn of Chicopee (24 yards).

Mass Maritime led 6-0 at the end of the turnover-filled first half on a one-yard TD plunge by senior quarterback Joe O'Malley. Westfield defensive end Tim Corr blocked the extra point attempt.

Mass Maritime junior running back David Burrill led all ball carriers with 169 yards on 32 rushes despite missing most of the fourth quarter. There were 10 turnovers in the game, five by each team and nine in the first half.

Senior strong safety Al Gates of Ludlow led the inspired Westfield defense with 13 games (11 solos), a sack, a fumble recovery, and an interception.

Gates was one of five Owls with 10 or more tackles as Mass Maritime ran an amazing 88 plays in the hard-fought contest.

Linebackers Ken Stewart (16 tackles), Dan Fitzgerald (12), and Jaret Foley (10), and Corr (10) also stood out defensively.

Cross Country Competes At Codfish

BOSTON - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country team competed in the prestigious Codfish Bowl Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Franklin Park in Boston.

The men's team finished 12th in the 18-team field. Tufts won the meet with 66 points, followed by MIT (77) and Trinity (78).

Sophomore Tom Bousquet was Westfield's top runner, finishing 35th with a time of 26:59.

He was followed by Jason Pappas (54th, 27:26), Andy Krantz (116th, 28:49), Nick Wlodyka (127th, 29:05), and Eric Nygard (131st, 29:08).

Dan Feldman of MIT won the race with a time of 25:11.

Westfield finished 14th in the 14-team women's race, which was won by Amherst College. Bates' Leslie Crofton was the individual winner with an 18:31 clocking.

Starr Hockenberry of Southwick was Westfield's top finisher (93rd, 21:37), followed by Catie Geldert (103rd, 21:53), Kristi Popoff (104th, 21:55), Sara Sechoviez (135th, 23:02), and Miranda Osgood (139th, 23:16).

Home Games This Week

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Volleyball vs. Mass Maritime, 6:00

Women's Soccer vs. Eastern Conn., 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 7

Football vs. Maine Maritime, 1:00

Men's Soccer vs. Salem, 6:00

Check out
Westfield State Athletics
on the web:
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Westfield Stete men's soccer standout Karl Labadorf was named Mass. State Conference Player of the Week for scoring the game-winning goals in victories over Eastern Connecticut and Endicott. It was the fourth time in his four-year collegiate career that he has earned Player of the Week honors. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Bourget's Goals Lead Owls To Win

FITCHBURG - Sophomore Janet Bourget of Holden scored two first-half goals to lead Westfield State to a 3-0 victory over Fitchburg State in the Mass. State Conference opener for both teams.

Junior Joy Flaherty added a goal in the second half for the Owls, who evened their overall record at 3-3. Freshman keeper Sara Barrows of Hadley posted her first career shutout.

Brandeis 4 - Westfield 1

WALTHAM - Brandeis used goals from four different players as to defeat Westfield State, 4-1, in a rain-soaked women's soccer game last Tuesday.

Junior forward Emily Purswell opened the scoring for Brandeis with her team-leading fifth goal of the season. Six minutes into the game she took a pass from her teammate and sister, Melissa Purswell, and scored past the diving keeper.

Brandeis opened up the the game in the second half. Sophomore forward Sarah Davis scored a goal off a cross pass through traffic from midfielder Julie Golomb. The freshman Golomb then added a goal of her own, a shot from 20 yards out midway through the half. Senior captain Rebecca Lacher later scored on a penalty kick.

Westfield's lone goal came off a free kick by freshman Ali Jordan with 13 minutes remaining.

Men's Soccer Shuts Out WNEC; Tops Endicott, 4-2

The Westfield State College men's soccer team rolled to a 4-0 home victory over Western New England College last Tuesday evening.

Westfield improved to 5-2 heading into its Mass. State Conference opener this past Friday night at Worcester State. WNEC dropped to 0-6-1.

Senior forward Andrew Lewis led Westfield's balanced attack with a goal and an assist. Lewis scored the Owls' first goal 23 minutes into the game following nice passes from Chris Machado and David Gadouas.

Junior Hugo Destapado scored later in the half to stake the Owls to a 2-0 lead at intermission. Scoring second-half tallies were sophomore Chris Whalley of Southwick and junior Tim Cranson of Montgomery (Gateway Regional).

Westfield outshot the visitors, 21-7. WNEC goalie Bryce Hardy had a number of spectacular saves among his 15 stops. Westfield senior keeper Nick Ammendolia also played well between the pipes with seven saves.

Westfield 4 - Endicott 2

BEVERLY - The Westfield State men's soccer team jumped out to a 3-0 first-half lead in defeating Endicott College, 4-2, on Saturday, Sept. 23.

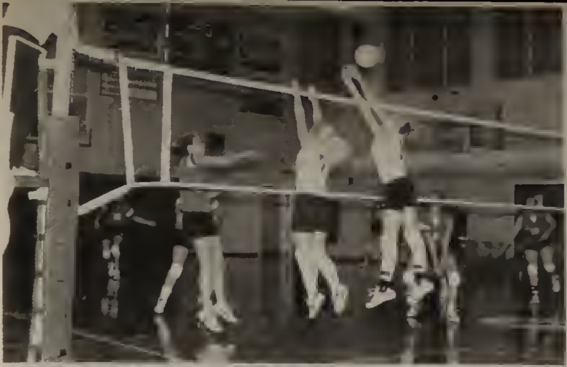
Senior standout Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham, sophomore Edgar Ortiz of Salem, and junior Tim Cranson of Montgomery scored the first-half goals.

Endicott rallied to make the score 3-2 on a penalty kick late in the first half and a goal early in the second half. Senior Andrew Lewis scored an insurance goal for Westfield with 10 minutes left in the game.

Study Hall
for varsity sports
student-athletes
begins this week

Study Hall Schedule
Sundays - 7 to 9 p.m.
Mondays - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Wednesdays - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For questions, contact Tara Witthuhn, athletics dept. graduate assistant, at ext. 5454



Westfield State senior Larissa Farrell, right, goes high to block a shot during a women's volleyball game. Farrell was named to the Mass. State Conference honor roll last week for leading Westfield to a 3-2 victory over Keene State to avenge an opening-season loss.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Volleyball Sweeps Mass. College To Stay Unbeaten In Conference

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State College women's volleyball team swept conference foe Mass. College of Liberal Arts in straight sets, 15-6, 15-10, 15-3.

The Owls are now 3-0 in the Mass. State Conference and 4-3 overall.

Katie Simlick, a junior from Enfield, Conn., had nine kills and four service aces. Freshman Michelle Sanchioni, also from Enfield, totaled three aces and nine sets. Junior Sarah Cormier contributed two aces, two kills and 10 sets in two games.

Westfield Splits

SOUTH HADLEY - The Westfield State women's volleyball team earned a split in a tri-match at Mt. Holyoke College.

The Owls outlasted Keene State 4-15, 15-10, 15-9, 8-15, 15-13 to avenge an season-opening loss to the New Hampshire college. Mt. Holyoke swept Westfield, 4-15, 9-15, 3-15.

Sophomore Katelyn Foley had 11 kills in the big win over Keene State. Junior Katie Simlick of Enfield totaled 10 kills and five digs, while classmate Sarah Cormier had 34 sets and three blocks. Senior

Larissa Farrell played well defensively with six digs and five blocks; she also contributed three service aces and seven kills.

Sports Psychology Consultant To Speak At Westfield State

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. In Dever Auditorium

Dr. Joel H. Fish, a nationally known sport psychology consultant, will deliver a presentation entitled "Gaining the Mental Edge" on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Dever Auditorium at Westfield State College.

The program is free of charge and is one of the Guest Lecture Series being held this fall at the College.

His presentation will help athletes focus on the mental skills they need to achieve peak performances not only in sports, but also in social and work situations, building self-confidence, teamwork, and respect.

Dr. Fish is the director of The Center for Sports Psychology located in Philadelphia and has worked in the field for the past 15 years. He has worked extensively with athletes of all ages and skills levels, from youth sports through the Olympic and professional ranks.

Dr. Fish has been a consultant for the Philadelphia Fyers, 76ers, Eagles, and Phillies organizations, and the USA women's national soccer team. He has spoken at more than 100 colleges and has been a contributor to CNN and ESPN.

"Gaining the Mental Edge" is sponsored with the support of funding from the NCAA, and is endorsed by Nancy Bals, senior women's administrator at Westfield State College, and Jack Szpiler of the pyschology department.

Dr. Joel Fish

Pratt Foils Fitchburg Again In Overtime Field Hockey Game

By Mickey Curtis, SID

With Alison Pratt in its starting lineup, the Westfield State field hockey team knew its chances of winning were very good.

For the second straight season in a key Mass. State Conference game vs. Fitchburg State, Pratt scored the game-winning goal in overtime to lead the Owls to 1-0 home victory last Wednesday.

The junior midfielder from nearby Agawam High School scored with 6:52 left in the first overtime to give the Owls a sudden-goal victory in the well-played contest between the pre-season conference favorites.

Pratt scored just outside the left post after taking a pass from classmate Teri Phipps. Pratt also scored the gamewinner on a similar shot last season in a 1-0 overtime victory over Fitchburg that clinched the 1999 Mass. State Conference championship for the Owls.

Westfield improved to 4-4 overall in winning its Mass. State Conference opener. Fitchburg is 5-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

"I told the team at halftime that even though this was our first (conference) game that it very well may decide the Mass. State Conference championship," said Westfield State coach Heather Cabral.

"We're starting to come around," added the second-year coach, who was the Conference Player of the Year for the Owls during her senior season in 1991. "We have a good mixture of freshmen and upperclassmen and they are starting to play well together. Our best game of the season was vs. WPI (a 4-0 victory on Sept. 23)."

Eight players have gotten into the scoring act for the Owls, led by the Waltham freshmen connection of B.J. Dion and Renee Gahan, the team's leading scorers with nine and seven points, respectively. Phipps and Pratt both have six points, followed by juniors Mary Bishop and Sarah Monahan with five apiece.

The Owls also have received point production from senior captain Brooke Wadhams, freshman Theresa Yacovone, and junior Nikki Girolamo.

Fitchburg freshman goalie Angela Buffington had an outstanding game with 10 saves. Westfield State goalie Jill Annunciata made seven saves while posting her third shutout of the season.

"Both teams played well," said Cabral. "And Fitchburg's goalie made some great saves; I don't know how she got to some of those shots."

Westfield 4 - WPI 0

Freshmen Renee Gahan and B.J. Dion, both from Waltham, led Westfield State to a 4-0 field hockey victory over Worcester Polytech.

Gahan scored both of Westfield's first-half goals. Dion assisted the second score, then tallied a goal early in the second half to stake the 3-4 Owls to a comfortable 3-0 lead.

WPI's record is now 3-2.

Owls To Host Kids Day At Game

WESTFIELD - Area youngsters will have an opportunity to experience the college game-day atmosphere when Westfield State College hosts NCAA Football's annual "Take a Kid to the Game" (TAKG) program, Saturday, Oct. 7. Kids, ages 12 and younger, will receive a free ticket to watch the Owls take on Maine Maritime Academy at Alumni Field. Parents of the youngsters also will receive free admission to the New England Football Conference game, which begins at 1:00 p.m.

Westfield State is one of more than 150 schools across the nation that are participating in this campaign focused on attracting more of the nation's youths to college games. The Take a Kid to the Game program is entering its sixth year in the promotion of NCAA Athletics.

"We are very excited to be participating in the NCAA Take a Kid to the Game initiative," said Ken Magarian, athletics director at Westfield State. "Our wish is that all of the young kids in our immediate area will have the opportunity to experience the one-of-a-kind atmosphere that is NCAA Football."

For more information, contact the Westfield State athletics department at 572-5433.

TAKE A KID TO THE GAME.

Classifieds

Listen to WSKB!
89.5 FM

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CoffeeHouse
Wed. October 4th
8PM
Ely Main Lounge
Sign up to perform x5429.

Wanted:
Sal naked in our room!

English Books for sale!
call x7901

WSKB- Wanted: DJ's and Help of any kind!

WANTED:
'74 Volkswagon Thing
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THE CAMPUS VOICE:
WANTED:
Hard-working and Reliable News Writers
x5431

For a free monkey,
call x7902

WANTED:
Blonde...looking for T.D.H. Male (Not a freshman!)...Reply to Classifieds.

For sale:
Excellent condition, 14K gold ring, 2 hearts entertwined. Only worn for a little while. Would make a great present for a loved one. Best offer.
call x7909

Golden Nozzle Car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Service Window. Clean your car!

Wanted:
The girls from 3C1
Reply to the Classifieds.

COMICS needed for comics page! PLEASE WRITE COMICS!!

For Sale:
Soloflex Weightlifting machine with accessories and videotape. Hardly used, excellent condition.
Call 1-413-863-4562

Comic Books for sale...about 2,500.
If interested, contact the Campus Voice, please.

Join MassPIRG!

Wanted:
Bass guitar...cheap.
Call Shawn at
572-3037

Maid STILL wanted for Apt 3A2. Please be hot!

For Sale:
Sony Car Tape Deck
Hardly Used, Great Condition
$100
Call x7909 ask for Meg

For Sale:
1989 Ford Escort
Good Condition
Has had a lot of work done recently
$1,000 or Best Offer

Wanted:
Any electric, acoustic, or electric/acoustic guitars.
please reply to classifieds

MTG is looking for a pianist and somone to play the part of "Father" for this semester's production of "Children of Eden"
Auditions:
Father- Wed. Oct 4th
Pianist- Thurs., Oct 5th
in Dever Auditorium

WANTED:
Copy Editors:
English Majors and Grammar Freaks...
Please call the Campus Voice
x5431

Try-outs for the Hockey Team will be held at Ameila Park Arena starting on Tuesday Oct. 9th at 4pm.
Tuesday 10/10 at Williston Academy.
Any questions, call Brian Ward
1-413-568-5865

Criminal Justice Career Fair-
Tuesday, October 3rd, 2000
2-5 pm
Scanlon Banquet Hall

Work study students needed-
for desk jobs
at the Reading and Writing center
visit Parenzo Hall, rm 218 or call 5569

Wanted:
Microwave
please reply to the classifieds.

For Sale:
2 baby pools, good condition, can be used indoors or outdoors.

Wanted:
peace of mind and some freakin sanity!
Call M and B

Found:
Gold chain necklace, reply to the Classifieds

Personals

K.M. - "Just die" M.V.

Badu, Bubbles, Incense and candles...let's be witches!

We got caught stealing posters at McDonalds

Erica- Don't cry over any guy- they're not worth it!

My roommate is a slut

Happy 21st Birthday Jen C.-
Have an awesome day!
Love, all of your friends.

I didn't know him until I met him, Melissa.

Rehab is for quitters

Matt has a nice ankle

The BIG kids in Lammers are cradle robbers!

"Let me find out", Sharyi and Jasmine be up all night buggin' out! Luv, BC AKA "Betty"

Shalimar- you still drinking Yahoo?! BC

Hey Kev- Work the registrar

Where did "Fake sit down" girl go?

Does somebody smell skunk?

Everytime you light a match...

Steve, thank you for taking care of me Friday night, you are a sweetie!

Joey Cuts, 3 bucks!

J- eat some damn food!

I love you, Krista! Why don't you come to WSC?

M- Remember to pee after J.C.

Melissa, Steph and Tiff-
Can I borrow your Victoria's Secret spray? -Kerri

Hey B- we saw your yearbook photo

Nobody reads Kate's Rants

There is a God, Intense Eye Girl
Be thy name

Boy am I glad I brought up the 'round robin' idea! Thanks for the invite!

Is there going to be a Halloween Masquerade this year?

Attention all males...come and get your Yvonne while it's hot..

Why are all the guys I know PMSing?

Davis+gas masks=trouble

Davis Hall
Davis Hall
I miss you guys!!
Luz, Dave RD

Kyle ate something warm, dark and fishy.

Where have all the hotties gone?

Hey Jay, thanks for that aesome night of hooking up. Love, Erin

3C1 is wicked hot!

Karen wants to wrestle steballs naked in mud.

We love to write personals!

Jen- who was that boy in 2C1?

We got 10 points, now we're going to dinner...

Lee- Mugsy will kick your ass.

Register to Vote!

How did they recognize me with my sunglasses on?

Erica- everyone is looking at you.

Non-gender people are neither here nor there (Edward that means you!)

Bunky will not serve anytime!

The best parties are in Whately. Girls RSVP

Gender only exists in one's mind.

Bridget, U R sexy!

Jared K. likes to get friendly with Beetlejuice.

Don't Die.

They are my boys, and no one elses.

RBH we will get you, oh yes we will.

314 W. one word- HEAVEN

Hey baby- it's halftime! Where's my orange?

Hey mugsy..."so...high..." R.S.

Chupito: I LOVE YOU! -B7C

Everything Frasco does I stew does.

The campus guy/girl ratio may be 10:1, but Conlin's girl/guy ration is just the oppositre. We like the odds!!

1B1 is full of gay men.

The banana bandits strike union.

1A1: If you're gonna have sex, CLOSE THE SHADES!

Blame it on the Keystone Light.

Spaz- Thanks for the last 10 months, You are amazing. I will always be here for you. I love you so much! Always and Forever! Love, Skippy.

The Porno Freak is my Metal God!

Any sightings today?

Ryan who works at the gym. You are still so hot!

The Boys in 2A3 Rule!

Quarantine Apt. 3B2!

My bum hurts.

I can't believe I got so drunk...thank you for helping me out guys!

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

Comics

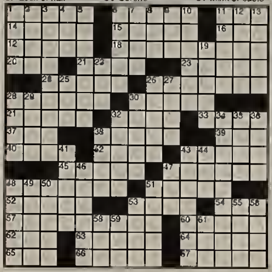
ACROSS

1 "I don't care" gesture
6 Implant
11 "Alice" waitress
14 Make fun of
15 Royal
16 Line
17 Command
18 Saskatchewan city
20 Greek letter
21 Boxing match
23 Wash off
24 Put — (save up)
26 Fragrant
28 Resolve conclusively
30 Two pints
31 Gluts
32 Knitting stitch
33 Dog-paddled
37 Melody
38 Spirit in "The Tempest"
39 Single
40 Try out
42 Smirk's kin
43 Kinds
45 Capsize
47 Greetings
48 Thanks a —!
51 Stirred
52 Licorice-like flavoring
53 Singer Eartha —
54 Spider's handiwork
57 Chewing gum flavor
60 Blazing
62 Jerk
63 "Insert here" symbol
64 Poke
65 Sault — Marie
66 Swords
67 Lock of hair

Well boys and girls, I hope that I can give you good grammar and good comics this week. I hope you are all thinking about what comics you want to put in the paper. Then I hope you give them to the Campus Voice. Well, enjoy them this week and I'll see you all next week!

DOWN

1 Halt
2 The woman's
3 Car engine coolers
4 Take advantage of
5 Small pets
6 Follow
7 Ditch
8 Air-rifle ammo
9 Wapiti
10 More expensive
11 Forward part
12 Not tight
13 Possessed
19 Colors
22 Keats offering
25 Hog's home
26 More certain
27 Summon
28 Leave, kitty!
29 Writer Wiesel
30 Serene
32 Primp
34 Global
35 "Do — others"
36 Clutter
38 As well
41 Oklahoma city
43 Navigator's aid
44 Spanish cheer
46 Drill through
47 Big success
48 Ships' poles
49 Date
50 Feudal lord
51 Catchers' gloves
53 Trouser part
55 Units of energy
56 Honey makers
58 Atlas feature
59 Fury
61 Mink or sable



O.K. Now HAND OVER THAT BEER!
PUBLIC SAFETY
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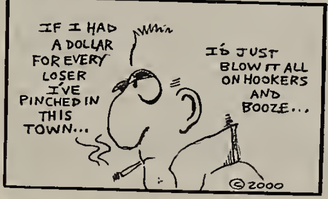
JOE PERK

C. SLAUGHTER


IF I HAD A DOLLAR FOR EVERY LOSER I'VE PINCHED IN THIS TOWN...
I'D JUST BLOW IT ALL ON HOOKERS AND BOOZE...
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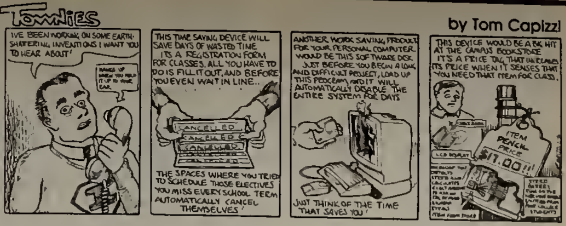
by Tom Capizzi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I'VE BEEN WORKING ON SOME EARTH-SHATTERING INVENTIONS I WANT YOU TO HEAR ABOUT!
HANGS UP WHEN YOU HOLD IT UP TO YOUR EAR.
THIS TIME SAVING DEVICE WILL SAVE DAYS OF WASTED TIME. IT'S A REGISTRATION FORM FOR CLASSES. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FILL IT OUT, AND BEFORE YOU EVEN WAIT IN LINE..
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THE SPACES WHERE YOU TRIED TO SCHEDULE THOSE ELECTIVES YOU MISS EVERY SCHOOL TERM AUTOMATICALLY CANCEL THEMSELVES!
ANOTHER WORK SAVING PRODUCT FOR YOUR PERSONAL COMPUTER WOULD BE THIS SOFTWARE DISK. JUST BEFORE YOU BEGIN A LONG AND DIFFICULT PROJECT, LOAD UP THIS PROGRAM AND IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY DISABLE THE ENTIRE SYSTEM FOR DAYS
JUST THINK OF THE TIME THAT SAVES YOU!
THIS DEVICE WOULD BE A BIG HIT AT THE CAMPUS BOOKSTORE. IT'S A PRICE TAG THAT INCREASES ITS PRICE WHEN IT SENSES THAT YOU NEED THAT ITEM FOR CLASS.
ITEM PENCIL PRICE $17.00!!!
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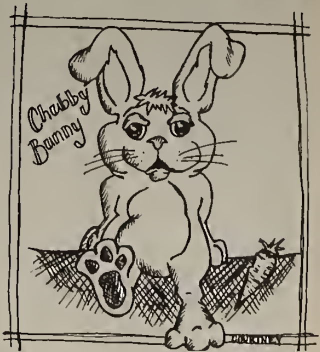

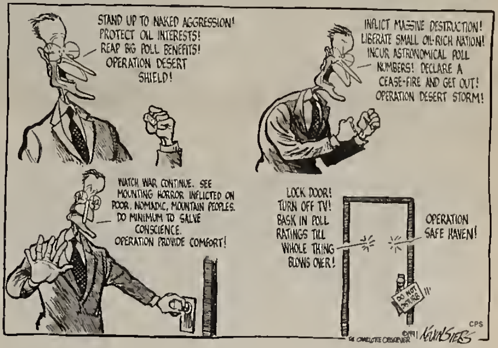
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WATCH WAR CONTINUE. SEE MOUNTING HORROR INFLICTED ON POOR, NOMADIC, MOUNTAIN PEOPLES. DO MINIMUM TO SALVE CONSCIENCE. OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT!
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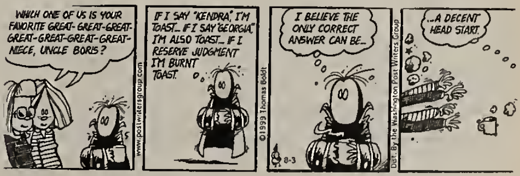
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I BELIEVE THE ONLY CORRECT ANSWER CAN BE...
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Tales from the GrumpyFish

Damn!
This water's COLD!!!
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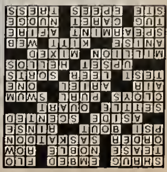

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WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 10/2	4:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Any Given Sunday" and "I Dreamed of Africa"	Channels 56&57
Tue 10/3	2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Criminal Justice Career Fair	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	6:00 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Mass Maritime	Parenzo Gym
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Eastern Connecticut	Athletic Field
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "American Beauty" and "High Fidelity"	Channels 56&57
Wed 10/4	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Corner (Commuter) Cafe
	7:30 p.m.	"Gaining the Mental Edge"w/Joel Fish	Wilson Auditorium
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Erin Brokovich" and "Next Best Thing"	Channels 56&57
	8:00 p.m.	Rock the Vote Coffeehouse	Ely Main Lounge
Thur 10/5	3:00 p.m.	David McReynolds, Socialist Party Pres. Candidate	Scanlon Living Room
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:00 p.m.	Third World Organization Meeting	Third World Room
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Big Kahuna" and "Romeo Must Die"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 10/6	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Cider House Rules" and "American Pie"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Video	Ely Lower Lounge
Sat 10/7	1:00 p.m.	Football vs. Maine Maritime	Athletic Field
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Salem State	Athletic Field
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Cider House Rules" and "American Pie"	Channels 56&57
Sun 10/8	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "High Fidelity" and "I Dreamed of Africa"	Channels 56&57

USEFUL INFORMATION

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Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

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(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

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For Hours of Operation

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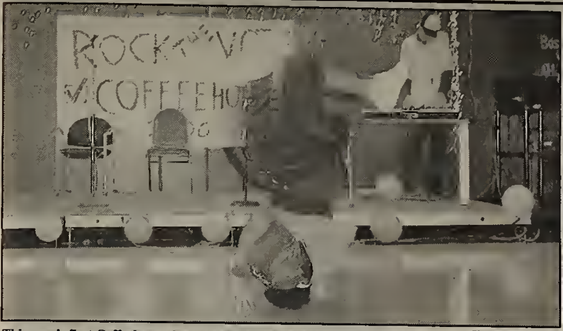

This year's first Coffeehouse drew performers from many grenres. Above: Kyle Rudolf of the Breakdancers. See page Page 14 for the full picture page. -Photo by Laura Cyr

Coffeehouse draws hundreds

By Brian Burke
& Laura Cyr
Voice Reporters

Hundreds attended this year's first open mic Coffeehouse which followed last week's Rock the Vote theme.

The Coffeehouse took place on October 4, in the Ely lounge from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. Groups involved in the planning, organization, and production of this event were the Student Government Association, The Campus Activities Board, WSKB (the college radio station), and MassPIRG.

The opening act for the night was Corey Davis and Kristin Fehlau. Davis played the acoustic guitar and they both sang. They played Better Then Ezra's "Desperately Wanting" and three original songs: "Why," "Ice Cream," and an untitled tune. After his performance, Davis said, "I was a little nervous at first, but I got over it and had fun."

Following Davis and Fehlau, Burgess Burgess took the stage with his acoustic guitar. Burgess played Bob Marley's "Redemption Song," Lloyds Hill's "Shenendoah," and Jon Berman joined Burgess with his saxaphone for John Lennon's "Working Class Hero" It was the first time Burgess and Berman had ever played together.

Burgess was followed by Erica May, who sang acapella. She sang an original song called "Your Eyes" and Sinead O'Connor's "Nothing Compares to You." May, a freshman who has never performed before said, "It was nice to finally get on stage. I'm glad they have this every month so I can write more music."

Up next was a stand-up comic

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WSC accreditation is at risk without faculty support

Members of MSCA say they won't participate in evaluation until contract dispute is settled

By Jackie Stutervant
Voice Reporter

This spring marks the tenth year since Westfield was last visited by NEASC, an association whose primary function is to accredit schools and colleges in New England.

Before the volunteers (professors of higher education from the New England region, of NEASC) can visit an institution, a self-study report has to be submitted to NEASC by the college. This report is a statement on how the college is doing, mainly on thirteen standards; thirteen rules in areas such as budget, faculty, and administration. The administration, teachers, and members of the student body are supposed to collaborate to write this report.

However, with the teacher contract negotiations still going on, faculty members are reluctant to help out in this very involved process. This means a report still has to be prepared, but it will not be ready for this spring. The college has asked for a delay in the visit. The request was granted and the school is planning on a visit by NEASC in the spring of 2002 according to Vice-President William Lopes.

In order for WSC to be re-accredited, this report has to be written and then submitted to NEASC. If Westfield is not approved for re-accredition, than diplomas from this institution will be invalid. A plan has to be devised to get this report written by the end of this academic year so that it can be revised over the summer and then submitted in the September of next year in preparation for the spring visit. The report has to be written in time for accreditation not to be threatened; the question is who is going to write this report

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Woodward addresses SGA's concerns

Internet service, a new Res. Hall, CJ Department openings, faculty contract negotations are all discussed

By RJ Burgess III
Editor in Chief

President Woodward said he was surprised to be asked to speak at this year's fifth Student Government Association meeting. Woodward said that he wanted to introduce himself to the senators and answer any questions they might have.

Woodward spoke under SGA President Mandy Miranda'a report, first addressing the problems with the Internet service on campus. "I offer each of you an apology," Woodward said about the current status of the Internet Service on campus, which in the past weeks has been slower than usual.

Woodward said that it is a "size and port issue" and that there were several reasons for the Internet's slow response time to users. He said that the first reason was that computers are left on all day, which overloads the campus server.

He then said that more students are using telephone lines and that the new server, which will be up and running as soon as Verizon installs it, will only work if students use the campus network. "It will remain a problem" if the phone lines are still used Woodward said.

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Mutimillion dollar ice skating rink opens in Westfield

By Brooke Popielarz
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College ice hockey club holds most of its practice time at the Amelia Park multimillion dollar Ice Arena and Sports Complex.

Barbara Hand is the secretary of the Student Government Association that sponsors the ice hockey club. Hand said, "We are paying more for ice time than we had expected." In addition to that, students are paying a significant amount out of their pockets as well. However, Hand is delighted that the ice hockey club wants to practice and develop to be better.

Brian Ward has been the head coach of the WSC ice hockey club since the 97-98 season. "Ice hockey," Ward said, "was discontinued due to financial reasons after the 88-89 season." He anticipated the opening of the new rink and scheduled practice time in the early Spring.

"The Amelia Park Ice Arena will be a huge boost for our club and also the town. We anticipate a lot of support from our fans," said Ward.

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

WSC Ice Hockey Club will play at Amelia Park.

A Westfield philanthropist Albert F. Ferst had made his late wife, Amelia's dream come true. He had a recreational facility and park, built in Amelia Ferst's memory. The arena had it's grand opening for the public, September 10, 2000.

Barbara Braem, Public Relations Chairperson said that the opening on September 10 served as a dedication for Amelia. "It is a wonderful memorial," Braem said, " Amelia just loved children and the community and she

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Student senator and Representative to Senate for the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education, Gary Muddimem asked Woodward about cut backs in the Criminal Justice Department.

Woodward said that there were at least two openings and maybe three in the CJ Department– due to three Professors no longer teaching at Westfield State College. The first, Woodward said, "went out west to be with a friend." He said that the second went to a school in Indiana and that he didn't "really know what happened to the person who left this summer."

In response to a question about the possibility of a new Residence Hall at WSC, Woodward said that he had reviewed plans for a new one and that WSC could have taken more students this year but did not have the space to do so. He said that there is a spot picked out for the new Res. Hall in front of Davis but that money was still an issue. "We're looking for other ways to get the money to make it work," Woodward said.

Colleen Fromm, of the Commuter Council, asked what Woodward thought about the time between classes. Woodward said that the academic people on campus wanted to keep the time between classes at 10 minutes and that they "thought that would be enough." "We recognize that this is not working," said Woodward. He said that next Fall semester the time between classes may be changed and that classes may have to begin "more near 8:00 a.m. rather than 8:30 a.m.

Woodward said that the planning for the new Field House was in the works and that they were preparing to begin the 9 to 12 month construction design plans. "We may be able to break ground by next Fall he said."

-File Photo

Pres. Woodward

When Woodward was asked the status of the teacher negotiations, he said, "I wish I really knew that. I don't really have a clue." He said that he knew the issues were over governance and salaries but college presidents were not "wrapped up" in negotiations. "I can't wait for it to be over, personally," he said.

Shalimar Colon, the Student Trustee for the Board of Trustees said in her report that she recently attended the Student Advisory Committee and that "WSC had good representation there." Colon said, "A lot of State Colleges had the same issues we do," from cops with guns to teacher contracts. "It was weird to hear them repeat what we're saying," she said.

Colon also said that there would be several open forums for students to "voice their concerns" in the upcoming months. Although the locations are to be announced, the dates for these forums are: October 16 for the 333 forum, October 23 for Education Majors, and November six for Public Safety and guns.

Maggie Smith, Vice President of Programming said in her report that there were many upcoming events in the works including the Hypnotist Frank Santos on November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Dever Auditorium. Tickets are on sale at the Service Window for $2 and will be $3 the night of the performance. Smith also said that tickets to see the Boston Celtics on October 16 were on sale at the Service Window and free transportation was available for the first 30 tickets purchased.

Jocelyn Gregory, President of the Senior Class, said that rumors there would be no Halloween masquerade this year were false and that the dance is scheduled for Thursday, October 26 from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. and the Scanlon Banquet Hall. Tickets will be $5 with a canned good and $7 without a canned good, she said.

From the Editor's Desk

"The day you write to please everyone you are no longer in journalism. You are in show business."
-Frank Miller

The Campus Voice received a disturbing personal this week in our Dr. Seuss Box. It said something along the lines of, "The Campus Voice should stop making stories out of nothing." And while it may seem futile, and though it is not common practice to, I have decided to rebuke this allegation considering that when one person has an opinion it is safe to assume there may be followers of the same school of thought. Although I accept that there will always be critics, skeptics, and cynacists, it is important that the college community understand the intent of Westfield State College's Student Press.

One of the most significant purposes of journalism is that over the course of history, newspapers have been used as part of the checks and balances system that attempts to keep the government and authority figures accountable for their actions. If there were no one to expose the frauds of the powerful, corruption would be twice what it already is. It is the hope of citizens that maybe newspaper can prevent the kind of deception that Nixon and Watergate for example intended on getting away with. Those who penned the Constitution recognized the importance of journalism and thus we have the Freedom of the Press.

It is widely accepted that journalists such as the Paparazzi, go too far exposing the private lives of public figures and I can agree with this. But it should not be looked down upon when journalists investigate the practices of public figures working with public money.

The Campus Voice is not in the practice of printing what the authorities and public figures want you to hear. We are not another tool in their propaganda shed. Unlike many news programs, papers and magazines, we do not face the pressure of big business buying us out to prevent the exposure of their wrongdoings. And since we fund our own publications, we would gladly decline the offer if the WSC administration attempted to buy us out for the purpose of silencing us.

The staff at the Campus Voice works well over 100 combined volunteered man-hours a week to bring interesting, provocative, and newsworthy information to our little institution in western Massachusetts. We are proud of the work we do and hope that a majority of you, our readers, support our efforts to reach our full potential.

Alcohol Awareness Week

Monday October 16	Tuesday October 17	Wednesday October 18	Thursday October 19	Friday October 20
Warren Blumenfeld Scanlon Banquet Hall 7:00 p.m.	Tony Casciano's "Driving with Beer Goggles" Courtney Hall 3:00 p.m.	*"Alcohol 101" Ely Main Lounge 11:00 - 2:00 p.m. *Open Forum: Alternative Programs Ely Lounge 7:00 p.m.	*"Friends who drink too much" Scanlon Living Room 4:00 p.m. *Production 'Last Call" Dever Aud. 7:00 p.m.	"Adult Children of Alcoholics" 3rd World Room 12:30 p.m.

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Rink named after Amelia Ferst

Amelia Park Ice Arena.

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

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wanted to provide a place for youth."

Ferst said, "Barbara looks at all the smiles on those children and it brings out a wonderful feeling for all."

President Frederick Woodward sat on The Albert and Amelia Ferst Operating Foundation committee. He was asked to serve on the committee by one of the co-chairs, who at the time was a Board of Trustees member of the college. He had been involved in establishing an ice arena at a previous institution and felt this was a project in which he could offer assistance. He was pleased to be asked to serve and proud that he did.

"The goal of this facility," Woodward said, "was to build an arena and park for the youth of Westfield in the name of a wonderful lady, Amelia Ferst, and this was accomplished beyond all his expectations."

Woodward said, "A visit to the facility will quickly alert you to the fact this is one of the finest available to the public in any community."

What Woodward thought was equally impressive is the benevolence of a man who has given over and over again to the young people of the area. "Mr. Ferst is a man of which there are very few. He has given a significant portion of his good fortune back to his community so others may benefit."

Matt Fontaine is the captain of the club. He has been on the club for all of his four years at WSC. Fontaine said, "Amelia Park is very convenient for all of us. We use to have to travel to Easthampton, twenty-five minutes away to practice at 6 a.m."

Coach Ward said that there are fourteen new recruits who are freshmen. "We will have the best team in four years," said Ward.

The students from Westfield State College like the temperature of the rink itself. Fontaine said, "Watching the games, the temp is 58 degrees, the surface temperature is real cold on the ice which makes it hard so we go fast and I like that. Too warm of temperature would make the ice soft and cause us to sink almost, that's not good."

"The facility has a big impact on the club, they see the building and they are just amazed that they'll be skating in a state of the art building. The club knows they are part of a large fixture of the community," said assistant coach Dan Williamson.

Williamson is also the manager of operations at the Amelia Park facility. This is his second full-time year coaching at WSC. He said that knows little about Westfield, but he does know that the town is very excited to have this arena in the city.

The club plays NCAA, division three teams from other college hockey clubs. The rink is reserved for 71.5 hours throughout the semester plus thirty-three hours practice time at Williston Academy. The ice hockey club holds all its home games at Amelia Park and the club has an extensive number of games, according to the coaches.

Try Out dates and times are October 9 at 4 p.m. at Amelia Park, October 10 at 4 p.m. at Williston Academy and October 11 at 6 p.m. at Williston Academy. Please contact SGA or Brian Ward, the head coach, preferably call.

First game is Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at Amelia Park. Students are $2 and adults are $5 and children under 12 are free.

WSC will need accreditation from NEASC or diplomas will be invalid

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said Lopes.

Ideally faculty and administration would both contribute to the report. Lopes said, "I urge everyone; students, faculty, and administration, to do so. [Work on report.] The best thing about the process of accreditation is that it allows the college to take a good look at itself, and the more people who look at it, the more point of views there are."

This may be so, but many faculty are reluctant in giving their view point. Michael Engel, Professor of Political Science, said, "as long as there is no contract, there will be no participation in NEASC," a view which he said he believes many teachers hold. Buzz Hoagland, professor of biology and member of the executive council of MSCA, agrees with Engel and said that the faculty basically agreed that they don't want to participate in this process that is above and beyond current contract conditions. "We have been treated poorly and don't want to volunteer more time," Hoagland said.

Engel said that if the faculty doesn't participate in the accreditation process, than the administration would have to write the report; a tedious task for a small force of people. "If the administration writes the whole thing, it won't be taken as seriously," said Engel.

The faculty was offered $500 each if they participated in the report; "[President] Woodward gave us an insulting offer," Engel said, "as the money offered was money that we should have gotten anyway but Woodward has been holding onto. This offer was a slap in the face."

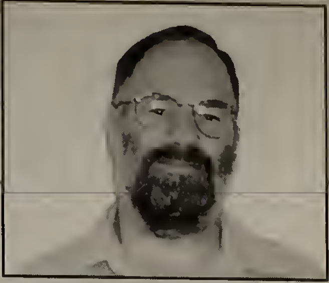
Hoagland said that this offer would amount to roughly $5 an hour, when paid consultants for a similar job would receive $100 an hour. "When you've been teaching here for ten years, that [Woodward's offer] is insulting," said Hoagland.

No official comment has been given by the MSCA. President Gerald Tetrault said that "There will be an exectuive council meeting on Monday…by that time we will have a response to President Woodward on the issue of accreditation…until then I don't have much to say."

Students shoul not be too worried as to whether or not their diplomas will be valid. Both sides agree that Westfield probably will be accredited next spring according the members of the faculty and administration. But as Hoagland said, NEASC "will make comments as to why the administrators had to do all the work."

Since accreditation isn't really a threat, by not helping the administration, the faculty is making a statement. "They're doing nothing to support our cause so we're not going to help with theirs," Hoagland said. Lopes is optimistic that he is "anticipating the self-study by the end of this academic year." Just who will write the report it still to be determined.

Voice of The Week



'Buzz' Hoagland

POSITION AT WSC: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

HOMETOWN: ADAMS, NY, POPULATION=1,700

FAMILY: WIFE, TWO CHILDREN, AGES 15 AND 10

ALMA MATER: UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE AT STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT POTSDAM, PHD AT UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

YEARS AT WSC: 7TH YEAR, STARTED IN 1994

HOBBIES: MAKING HOMEMADE BEER, HIKING, KAYAKING AND FISHING

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: THE MIX OF STUDENTS

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: THE ADMINISTRATION

PERSON HE WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: STEPHEN JAY GOULD - A BIOLOGIST

BEST DAY OF HIS LIFE: THE DAY HE CAUGHT HIS FIRST MONGOOSE

FAVORITE QUOTE: "NOTHING IN BIOLOGY MAKES SENSE EXCEPT IN THE LIGHT OF EVOLUTION"

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Debate fails to make impression on some voters

By Scott Martelle
Los Angeles Times

LAND O'LAKES, Fla. - In the end, neither candidate made the sale.

Doug Bell plopped down in front of the big-screen TV in a friend's family room Tuesday night hoping the presidential debate between presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush would end his indecision about which one to back.

It didn't happen.

"I heard a lot of thoughts, but I didn't hear any plan of action," said Bell, 50, manager of a retail luggage shop. "I can make proposals all day but if I don't have a plan of action and the support of the people to put it into effect, you're not going to get anywhere."

Bell was one of nine voters who gathered to watch the debate at the home of Judy Williams, a mother of two and a Republican environmentalist active in local water preservation issues here in Pasco County, a swing suburban community about 20 miles north of Tampa.

Three - including Bell - came in undecided, three leaning toward Gore, two leaning toward Bush and one solidly backing the Texas governor. In the end, none of them changed their minds, which isn't good news for either campaign eyeing Florida's 25 electoral votes.

Once thought a lock for Bush, Florida now is considered a toss-up, making it a key contest in the waning weeks of the campaign. And the decision here will likely rest in the hands of people such as Williams, whu was among those leaning slightly tuward Bush.

Going into the debate, Williams, as a Republican, wasn't too fond of Gore, the Democratic nominee. On the other hand, as an environmentalist, she had trouble warming up to Bush, Republican brother of her own governor, Jeb Bush.

As the debate unfolded, Williams and her friends laughed at the barbs and ridiculed some of the answers - particularly by Bush. In general, they felt he was the less polished of the two candidates.

"I heard a lot of thoughts but I didn't hear any plan of action."
-Doug Bell

After the 90-minute debate ended, only two of the voters said it had affected their attitudes even marginally. Both were leaning toward Gore, and they said Bush's performance nudged them closer to supporting the viec president.

"I didn't like Bush's equivocating," said Michael Burger, 48, a sales consultant. "I didn't like his answers and I didn't like the tenor of his responses."

But Gore was not without his critics. Jerry Pankey, 58, a telecommunications consultant, said the viec president's responses confirmed his view that a Gore administration would mean more taxes and higher government spending.

He remained the one solid Bush backer. "It came out the way I thought it would," Pankey said.

When the two candidates walked out - both wearing dark suits, white shirts and red ties - and shook hands, several of the viewers laughed.

"Power ties," Williams said.

"They look like the same person," added Bonnie Belton, a native Tennessean who was leaning toward Bush primarily because of personal dislike for how the Gore family had exereised political power in her home state.

Gore's father was a longtime senator from Tennessee, and Belton scoffed at the vice president's efforts to cast himself as a champion of the middle class.

The group listened closely to the debate's early stages, nodding in agreement at some points and shaking their heads at others. Several laughed derisively when Bush said Gore was running a "Mediscare" campaign.

As Gore pushed Bush on the financial details of his Medicare prescription plan, the Republican nominee responded with a joke drawn from Gore's oft-derided claim that he invented the Internet. Bush said he was starting to believe Gore also invented the calculator.

-File photo

The major candidates debated Tuesday

No one laughed.

"He's nervous," Sally Barclay, 49, a Florida pesticide enforcement officer, said of Bush.

Environmental issues struck the strongest chord, with some of the gathering openly arguing with both candidates over energy policies that rely on oil and coal.

"What about solar energy?" Williams asked as Gore spoke.

Although Gore said he wanted to target the consumption side of the equation, Burger was bothered by his lack of specifics. "They don't want to do anything about consumption." Burger said.

Abortion also drew sharp responses, with three of the six women viewers applauding Gore's statement that "a woman's right to choose ought to be protected and defended." They also disagreed with Bush's pro-life comments.

"He's encouraging girls to get pregnant," Barclay shouted out. "Boy, he's pushing my buttons."

Yet none of the women said the candidate's positions on abortion would ultimately be the determining factor for their votes.

The debate failed to hold everyone's attention. Barclay went outside for a cigarette break midway through. Three others went to the kitchen for drinks and fell into their own debate as Bush and Gore delved into the criteria under which they would engage American troops in overseas fights.

Perhaps most telling, none could point to specifics that could arise in the remaining debates that would help them make their minds.

"I don't think these debates have enough weight to give people the information they need to make a decision," said Bell.

Gallaudet campus community shocked in wake of slaying

By Michael Hill
Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON - The slaying of a Gallaudet University student last week has shaken this campus, a community knitted tightly together by the traits few outside its borders share - deafness and fluency in sign language.

Student body president Chris Soukup said Monday that it is certainly possible that a fellow student was responsible for the death of Eric Franklin Plunkett, a 19-year-old freshman from Minnesota whose body was found Thursday night in his single room in the Cogswell Hall dormitory.

"It is so hard to say right now, but considering how tight the security is on campus it is hard to see how it was anyone else," said Soukup, a senior from South Dakota. "On the other hand, a very big part of me doesn't want to think that for obvious reasons."

Washington police say Plunkett suffered "apparent blunt foree trauma injuries to the head." Police have asked for information, but have given out little about the progress of their investigation.

"We don't have enough information to know if we should be afraid or not," said Lisa Rose, a graduate student. Like most people interviewed, she spoke through a sign-language interpreter. "I think Gallaudet owes us an explanation."

Although he had been on this campus of 2,000 students only three weeks, Plunkett had been named secretary of Gallaudet's Lambda Society, a gay-and-lesbian rights organization. Its president, Thomas Green, said that he thinks there is a distinct possibility this was a hate crime.

Green said that on Thursday night, someone he was with saw another student sign, "One less fag."

Green, who said the Lambda society has about 40 active members, said gays on campus often face harassment, from derogatory comments to denigrating messages left on bulletin boards.

Soukup said that the deaf community is no different from any other in this respect. "I think that no matter where you go, there will always be a small percentage of people who are going to respond differently than everyone else," he said.

School spokesman Mercy Coogan said the administration knew nothing of anti-gay activity until Green reported it in the aftermath of the slaying.

"It is unacceptable," she said. "This community welcomes anyone."

Will home-shoolers leave home for college?

By Amy Argetsinger
Washington Post

For Michael Farris, Patrick Henry College is a natural extension of the crusade he helped launch in the mid-1980s, after a group of conservative parents won the right to keep their children out of public schools and teach them their way, at home.

Over the past decade, the number of home-schooled children has doubled to 1.7 million, according to the National Center for Home Education.

Now, many of those children are coming of age. Farris is gambling that when it comes to college, their parents will again seek out an alternative kind of education.

About 85 percent of the entering class were home-schooled; the rest are products of Christian schools.

The faculty, currently numbering eight professors, are all "believing Christians who teach from a biblical world view," as college brochures put it. Students will earn half their credits toward the major doing "apprenticeship" work researching public policy for lobbyists or members of Congress.

The college is now seeking permission from state officials to offer a second major, in "classic liberal arts." It will seek accreditation after it graduates its first class of students and plans to add a law school in a few years.

Some question the college's attempt to blend the religious and the political. Bob Andringa, president of Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, said religious and secular schools alike should be committed "to the search for truth."

"When the administration starts advocating particular points of view, it makes it a trickier balance," he said.

He also questioned why a school that is philosophically opposed to federal aid would then want to send its students "to learn how to be effective in government."

Students said they welcome the school's viewpoint as a counterbalance to the liberal, "politically correct" opinions they expect to find at other colleges.

"This is a school that teaches you to think for yourself," said Sarah Cooke, 17, of Polk, Pa.

Patrick Henry's best chances lie in its ability to fill a unique niche that appeals strongly to an untapped base of students and supporters.

But does that market exist? George Dehne, a college marketing consultant based in Connecticut, says many home-schooled children are more interested in staying within 100 miles of home, close to their families and churches.

He predicts others will soon choose a "home-college" path-using online degree programs. And Dehne wonders why they would be drawn to Patrick Henry's culture of political activism.

"Most of the conservative Christian youth I know don't want to change the world particularly," Dehne said. "They want the world to leave them alone."

Farris disagrees. He did not perform any market research before planning his college, but says he did not need to. "People who try to understand the home-school movement from charts and books just don't get it," he said.

Each child a step in a global plan to erase polio

By David Brown
Washington Post

LUANDA, Angola - Three young people in matching white T-shirts and baseball caps stop a woman with a small child on a nameless dirt street in Luanda's slums. They query her as if she possesses a vital secret.

“Did he get vaccinated?" asks Angel Fiel, indicating the boy. Fiel is leading one of 14,000 teams prowling Angola, looking for children to vaccinate against polio.

No, the mother says. She's been at the market selling oranges and hasn't seen a vaccinator. But yes, she nods, they can do it now.

Fiel tips back the head of the slightly baffled boy, and one of his comrades squeezes two drops of liquid from a plastic vial into the child's open mouth. A vaccinator drops the vial back into a Styrofoam cooler slung over his shoulder, and the team moves on.

Twelve years into a global campaign to eradicate polio, the world is heading toward that goal in steps no bigger - or more important - than this one, which occurred this summer as part of a string of “national immunization days" in Angola.

Mankind has rid the planet of only one disease, smallpox, which was vanquished in 1977. In 1988, the World Health Organization (WHO) targeted poliomyelitis. Once known as “infantile paralysis," polio historically has been the great crippler of children - and in 1988 was suspected of paralyzing or killing 350,000 children a year.

The campaign has wiped out polio in large swaths of the globe. Last year, the WHO estimated that there were 20,000 cases worldwide. The disease remains in no more than 30 countries but is holed up tenaciously in a handful of places - including Somalia, Sierra Leone and Congo - that are at war or without governments.

Angola is one of those havens - a land whose poverty, crowding and social chaos create perfect conditions for polio. If the world ever records its final case of polio, Angola is likely to be where it happens. Last year, Angola suffered Africa's largest outbreak of polio in more than a decade - 1,093 cases resulting in 108 deaths.

The WHO's goal of wiping out polio by the end of the year clearly will not be met. The campaign's organizers now hope to record the last case by the end of 2002, with the world declared officially polio-free three years later if the disease does not reappear.

If that timetable holds, the WHO could recommend terminating routine polio immunization by the end of the decade. That would save $1.5 billion a year in vaccination costs and would prevent the few cases of polio caused by the vaccine - about 1 in every 750,000 first-time doses.

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Eradicating polio is difficult, in part, because, unlike smallpox, the disease is largely invisible. It produces no symptoms, or at most a flu-like illness. Fewer than 1 percent of those infected develop the muscle weakness that is the hallmark of the disease.

Consequently, polio can smolder for years in inadequately vaccinated populations, of which Angola has no shortage. Among the country's 12 million people, about a fifth live in territory controlled by the insurgent National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), which has been fighting the government interminently since 1975. Only about 30 percent of Angola's children get the recommended three doses of oral polio vaccine in their first year of life. Almost none in rebel-controlled territory do.

The war has uprooted 2.5 million people, especially in the interior. They live in refugee camps - or more commonly in houses of concrete block, mud brick or cardboard and scavenged wood, in the cities and villages of the Atlantic coast provinces.

Fighting between the rebels and the government of President Jose Eduardo dos Santos resumed in December 1998 and, within three months, triggered a new migration of 800,000 people. Soon after, polio - which is transmitted by the fecal-oral route, and thus is more common under unsanitary conditions - emerged in the slums that ring Luanda.

Polio is only one of Angola's health problems, and not the greatest. Two million people rely on donor agencies for food. The soil is sown with at least 20 million land mines. An Angolan woman has a 1 in 8 chance of dying in childbirth during her lifetime, compared to 1 in 3,500 in the United States. Deaths from malaria are among the highest in the world.

Like most countries in which polio still circulates, Angola conducts “national immunization days" against the disease. Once a month, for a day or a weekend, an enormous apparatus of health workers, vaccine and equipment is mobilized to deliver the oral polio vaccine to every child under age 5, regardless of how many previous doses he or she has received.

A child is vaccinated for polio. -Washington Post photo

Each country schedules its immunization days four weeks apart for at least two months in a row. Angola undertook three months' worth this summer, with an extra round in some areas last month. Beginning in 1996, Angola conducted immunization days by exhorting mothers to bring their children to fixed vaccination posts. But the vaccine was reaching too few children, so last year health officials began the far more laborious effort of delivering the vaccine from house to house.

More than 90 percent of immunization funding comes from outside donors. Angola provides manpower and civic commitment to what seems, from the outside, a quixotic pursuit. About 24,000 people labored in the summer campaigns, most of them volunteers in their teens or twenties, such as Angel Fiel and his companions.

Along with the WHO, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Rotary International has been a main engine of the global campaign. By 2005, the organization is expected to have contributed $500 million of the $2.5 billion cost of the campaign, an unprecedented private donation to public health.

Angola's single Rotary Club, made up of 32 men and women in Luanda, has printed and distributed thousands of posters advertising immunization days and helped supplement the inadequate salaries of some Angolan government health workers. Several years ago, it helped negotiate a cease-fire between the government and UNITA that allowed vaccinators into rebel-held areas. The government rejected such a truce this year.

The polio virus is vulnerable to eradication because it has no reservoir outside the human body. Not every person on Earth needs to be vaccinated to eradicate the disease However, enough people in every population must be vaccinated so the probability of a break in the person-to-person chain of transmission eventually becomes a certainty.

“Few, if any, countries have interrupted transmission (of polio virus) with a vaccination rate of less than 80 percent," said Robert Davis, a UNICEF epidemiologist who is advising the Angola campaign. “So, 80 percent is probably a safe minimum for what is necessary. And you have to have it in every province, every municipality, every commune."

Russia hires Halliburton to retrieve Kursk victims

By Maura Reynolds
Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW - Russia signed a high-risk, high-profile contract Monday with Halliburton Co., the Dallas-based energy services giant formerly headed by GOP vice-presidential candidate Dick Cheney, to retrieve the bodies of sailors who died aboard the Kursk nuclear submarine when it sank under mysterious circumstances Aug. 12.

The agreement, which calls for Halliburton's Norwegian affibate to send a diving platform, diving bell and deep-sea divers to the accident site off the northern Russian port of Severomorsk this fall, improbably links two of the summer's biggest news stories: the U.S. presidential election and the futile effort to rescue the submarine's 118-man crew.

In Russia, the U.S. connection to Halliburton was given far less notice than the question of whether the salvage operation is possible or even necessary.

Russian navy officials have said that most crew members were probably killed instantly and that many of their bodies are likely to have been burned or destroyed. Moreover, even many of the crew's family members have asked the government to leave the bodies buried at sea -according to naval tradition - and use the money to assist survivors.

“Let the submarine be their temporary tomb, as a time-honored sailors' custom has it, until everything is ready to raise the whole ship together with the crew," 78 relatives of the dead sailors said last week in a joint letter to President Vladimir V. Putin.

The government has been resolute about retrieving the bodies, perhaps because Putin personally made the promise as part of his damage-control efforts. The president was criticized at home and abroad for remaining on vacation during the bungled rescue operation in the Barents Sea.

Retired Rear Adm. Nikolai Mormul, who in 1972 helped raise a sunken sub, said the operation is likely to bring up no more than pieces of a few bodies.

“The problem is that his aides, navy commanders and government experts are simply afraid to tell (Putin) that he must take his word back," Mormul said. “If they still go ahead with this operation, they will risk human lives, wasting a lot of money in the process. And in the end, no one will be happy or grateful for this stupid labor of Sisyphus."

Halliburton's Norwegian spokesman, Birger Haraldseid, said the contract is for a two-stage operation: surveying the submarine's wreckage using divers and remote-controlled cameras, and then retrieving the bodies. The surveying work would be done exclusively by Halliburton's Norwegian and British divers and could provide new clues about the cause of the disaster.

During the retrieval, two Russian divers would work with a Halliburton diver, who would support them from a diving bell. Holes are to be drilled at various points along the hull, and one Russian diver would enter while the other would support him from outside the opening. Russians have been adamant that for security reasons, only Russian divers would be permitted inside the damaged vessel.

Haraldseid said Halliburton's mobile diving platform “Regalia" would leave its home port of Bergen, Norway, in the next few days and arrive off Severomorsk about 10 days later. He said the diving operations will probably take place round-the-clock in eight-hour shifts.

Russian and Halliburton officials declined to name the amount of the contract, but it is likely to be more than the $9 million Russian officials reportedly wanted to pay, and less than the $20 million that another Norwegian firm was reportedly demanding.

Halliburton officials said they could not estimate how long the operation could take, in part because it would depend on weather conditions. Igor Spassky, head of the Rubin design bureau that built the Kursk, told a news conference in St. Petersburg that the contract covers the months of October and November. Spassky said the bureau would now begin negotiating with foreign companies over a separate contract for raising the submarine wreckage to the surface, an operation planned for the spring.

Kate's Rants

KATHERINE GOMES

My computer is constantly on. The only time it is off is when I sleep. Through the school's network I'm connected and AOL Instant Messenger is there whenever I want it to he (provided that the network feels like cooperating.) If I so desired I could be in contact with friends and family in the click of a mouse. At any given time I can be chatting with any of the twenty-zillion people on my buddy list. I know kids that sit by their computers all day long. To many people, including me, it is a necessary link to the outside world.

This is by far much cheaper than calling someone every time I want to talk. My friends have spread out to places like New York, Connecticut and New Hampshire. Home is back on the east coast in Dartmouth. If I called all these people whenever my heart desired, my phone bill would accumulate to quite a hefty sum. Actually, I did get in the habit of calling my best friend in New Hampshire just about every other day when we first moved to our schools. I'm still waiting to hear the outrage from my parents over that bill. That was, however, before we each got our computers connected to AOL Instant Messenger. Now I can chat with her whenever I want to for free.

Chatting is nice and real convenient but, in my eyes, it doesn't really compare to talking on the phone to some- one or, better yet, talking to someone in person. There are no words that can be typed to describe exactly how the person you're communicating with is acting. You can't hear a friend cry over the weekend from hell spent in the ER. You can't hear that sarcastic tone in your little sister's voice when gossiping about your family. You don't hear your father's laugh as he makes one of his dorky jokes. At the same time you know it's there, can hear it in your head, but it's just not the same. It's hard to be soothing or laugh along through type.

I will say that I do enjoy the little AOL Instant Messenger smiley faces. Those are the closest things to expression that I come across while chatting with my chat buddies. The sexy, winking face is really cute. The one with the foot on his face is the best. I don't know what point he is trying to get across. Maybe someone beat him up. They are all good except maybe for the original, generic smiley face. I've seen him one too many times.

K. Gomes is a Voice Columnist

Behind the Shades

DAN WALSH

Another week has gone by and we're getting into the school year quite quickly. And yet, I can't seem to figure out what the hell to write. This was the easy part of my day last year, sit down and write about 4 or 5 columns and then try and decide which one to put in the paper. This year I tend to find myself a little bogged down by the stiff competition here at the Voice. I would like to take this time to just say what a pleasure it is to read the other columnists ideas. We have some really great writers and you guys have some really good reading ahead. Anyway, back to my thoughts, or rather, lack of thoughts.

Like I said last week, I'm thinking of starting a cult. Now, before you go getting all afraid, I promise that this will be a good cult. We'll only do good things and I won't make you think that the world is going to end or that you need to drink purple kool-aid to be absolved of all sins in the next life. Our mascot will be um…how about Jon Sewell. Yes, Jon is our new mascot and we will offer to him martial arts movies and cartons of clove cigarettes.

We will all sit around in our cult house (a converted volkswagon beetle) and talk about people who we all think should die. But we won't kill them; after all, we're a good cult. Instead, we'll send them mailers from the cult on ways to improve their people skills. Anyway, our official food happens to be McDonald's and we have weekly retreats to random music venues to stay close to the community. Our official brand of cigarettes is Marlboro, but if you don't smoke, that's ok too. Any way, if you're interested in joining my cult, stop by Davis Hall and come see me. See you in the next column.

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Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Last week, I shared with you a few of my random thoughts, and a couple of them regarded that bastion of coolness known as Abercrombie and Fitch. I'll level with you though. It's really not Abercrombie that I have a problem with. Granted, I'm not rushing out each week to spend my entire paycheck on a tee shirt, but if somebody else does, well, that's fine by me. I'm sure these same people wouldn't understand why I feel the need to purchase every martial art magazine and movie I see, so I'm not about to make any judgments.

I do, however, find it amusing that so many of Abercrombie's patrons seem to actively pursue the negative stereotypes associated with the store. I've spoken to one girl, for instance, who (with the exception of three formal occasions she had to attend) has worn at least one article of Abercrombie clothing every single day for well over two years. I've also heard people say that they won't buy items from American Eagle, because it's just a rip off of good ol' A and F. While such dedication is admirable (oops, it seems some sarcasm just dripped right off the screen onto my keyboard), I don't really understand it. I swear, the designers at Abercrombie must have a jolly good time. They know that they can slap whatever the hell they want on a shirt, and suddenly it'll be "cool." This is my favorite: Abercrombie and Fitch Muay Thai Training Camp. I'm willing to bet that approximately one percent of the people who bought that shirt actually know what Muay Thai is.

But here's the thing: I don't dislike Abercrombie because it's popular. That would be kind of silly. To dislike something because it's popular is just as dumb as liking it for the same reason. No, the thing that bothers me is the people who buy it, ONLY BECAUSE it's popular. See what I'm getting at? If you genuinely like the clothing, go ahead and buy it. Just don't do so to fit in with everybody else.

The same thing applies to music. There is so much talent out there that nobody is ever going to hear. Why? Because it seems that people have to be told that music is cool before they will listen to it. Case in point: I have a radio show at WSKB, and last year the station received a CD by a little-known band by the name of 3 Doors Down. Well, many of the DJs took a liking to the song Kryptonite; and it got a whole lot of play. I played the song for a number of friends, and was basically told that it sucked. Then, out of nowhere, it was played on commercial radio stations. Now, they're one of the hottest bands around. Just another example of something not being "cool" until somebody with influence says so.

Don't get me wrong. . .I like a lot of popular music. If Zeppelin, the Stones, Bob Seger, Bruce Springsteen, and Dylan weren't as popular as they are, I probably would never have been exposed to them.

All I'm saying is, take a chance. Get out there, and go to a show with local talent. Check out Lloyds Hill, Oregon Underground, and My Disco Village. That's how (God help me) Dave Matthews Band started out. And no, I don't hate them either. I'm just sick of hearing about them, and I'm irritated that EVERY SINGLE PERSON I talk to seems convinced that they were one of Dave's original fans. The truth is, most of you probably had never heard of them until Under the Table and Dreaming hit the airwaves. Sorry, but unless you were around in Virginia during their first few shows, you weren't there at the beginning.

Oh, by the way, I have something to say about these so-called "boy bands." I can assure you, I don't like their music. But remember when I said that to dislike something ONLY because it was popular is dumb? Well, here's a perfect example. Frankly, most guys who rip them apart every chance are just jealous of them. I love the way that we seem to assume that every popular teen idol is gay. Ricky Martin, NSYNC, Backstreet Boys...the list goes on. I'm not sure if guys are afraid to admit another male is attractive or what, but the fact is, they're good looking, and they DO have talent, whether it's your preferred style or not. If you don't like their music, do what I do and turn it off. But don't take out your insecurities on the band.

So far, I've been railing mostly on "cool" things, like Abercrombie and Dave. But the fact is, everybody is guilty to some extent. I was recently in an alternative-ish music store and was looking over some punk and ska CDs I was interested in. After a time, I realized that a group of teenagers was watching me with some measure of disdain. I could hear them grunt about how I was a "punk wannabe," and how I couldn't possibly understand the true nature of the music. It took me a few minutes to understand what they were talking about. I realized that I was dressed in khakis, shirt, and tie, as I had just come from one meeting or another. I thought it was kind of ironic that a group of "non-conformists" were actually mocking my musical tastes and interests, simply because I didn't "fit in" with them.

> **"I'm irritated that EVERY SINGLE PERSON I talk to seems convinced that they were one of Dave's [Dave Matthews'] original fans."**
>
> -Jon Sewell

Hmmmm. This is starting to get kind of long, and I've already gone off on a few tangents. And, much like my social life, it doesn't seem to have a point. OK, it's like this. Do what YOU want to do, just so long as you're not hurting yourself or anyone else. Wear what you want, and listen to what you want...even if that means listening to Dave Matthews and wearing Abercrombie while putting around on one of those trendy scooters. But please, do it because you WANT to, and not because someone else said it would be cool. If you have this funky hat that you really dig, but it's not the trendiest of style, just wear the damn thing. Who cares what other people say? Keep listening to 98.5 and 107.9 if you want, but every so often, tune into WSKB. Check out local shows, and listen to bands like FatBoy, Chixdiggit, and Guitar Wolf (well, maybe not Guitar Wolf...you kinda have to ease into that). You may just like it. In other words, just be yourself. And while my opinion doesn't count for much, at least I'LL think you're cool.

"He who would be a man must be a non-conformist" -Emerson

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

Wazzup Westfield? Say, what's orange and red and looks good on hippies? Fire. Thanks for the emails; I sincerely appreciate the time that you people took to get in touch with me. My email for the purposes of this column is Seamus2003@yahoo.com; and please indicate whether or not I can use your first name if I print your comments, alright? Cool. Onward....

So I'm at this party last night and it's getting to be like 2am. The night started off pretty well, good ratio, but by this time it was down to three girls being followed from room to room by like eight drunken horny primates, and I'm thinking that this is less of a party now and more like some weird anthropological study... mating rituals of the early hominids or something..."Ugh, girl go other room, me go too." So I spent the evening chuckling inwardly and feeling superior as I shuffled from room to room with the rest of the pack. Promiscuity with dignity. Darwin would've been proud.

A word about "Indians" now. I think by now that most of you get the point that I was trying to make on that whole subject, although I took a few shots on the deal. This worked to my advantage in a way, though, as I'll get to in a moment. The common misconception, as repeated in "Kevin's Korner," is that Indians were called Indians because Columbus thought that he had found India. This is not only untrue, but impossible as well because in 1492 India was known as "Hindustan." There are actually a few theories concerning the origin of the term "Indian" but no definitive answer, and I'd like to thank Mr. Heaton for his assistance in pointing out the inherent danger of simply believing what you're told.

Oh, one other thing... "African-American". Nowhere did my first column mention this word but, since Mr. Heaton brought it up, I do find the term to be a bit vague and I think that it assumes too much as well; I happen to know more than one Jamaican that isn't crazy about being referred to as African-American. Also, wouldn't a white South African Boer who emigrated here technically be African-American? Out of respect, I will gladly use the term if I'm specifically asked to; otherwise I say "black", and for simplicity sake feel free to refer to me as "white" rather than "Irish-American," alright? Sometimes we spend too much time on the words that are used and not enough on the spirit in which they were spoken. Why? Because it's easier, it's a shortcut to thinking. Also because any opportunity to imply that somebody is insensitive is a terrific opportunity to make yourself appear more sensitive. Like you, I was late to realize that it was a sensitivity competition but keep the respect thing there and you'll be fine. I think that if we're going to invent new terms to minimize any chance of giving offense, we could do better.

On a lighter note, this week's "Awesome Attitude" award goes out to the Office of the Registrar. Remember I mentioned that I needed a copy of my schedule but running to 333 was a hassle? Today I got a letter, and inside was my article stapled to a copy of my schedule with a note that said, "Saved you a trip!" I feel compelled to add, however, that the schedule I was sent was from last spring. Not that I mind, though, it may actually come in handy if my next car is a DeLorean with a flux capacitor. About the note, though, I knew that there was a sense of humor behind all the barbed wire, and I hope to see it again on Monday when I turn in my independent study authorization form a week late.

You guys have probably seen the older gentleman in the white Buick Regal who goes around collecting beer cans. Canman IS our campus recycling program, and contrary to popular belief, he doesn't use the money for car payments, he gives it all to charity. Last week on the campus security channel, I heard the Ticketmaster running his plates and generally giving him a hard time probably just because, technically, he shouldn't be going through the dumpsters. I'm sure we'll all sleep a little more soundly at night knowing that roving, philanthropic senior citizens in mid-sized sedans are simply no match for the heroic Master of Tickets (Obey your Master! Master! Master of Tickets, I'm pulling your strings!).

> **"Where does the Theatre Dept.'s responsibility to its majors end and its responsibility to cast its productions with the best talent available begin?"**
>
> -Chris Ward

Now on to the letters; first up is one from Dan in Big Dic who thinks that it's pretty unsanitary the way bread is served in the Caf. You basically have to reach your hand into the bag like everybody else, and that's not too cool. As a matter of fact when I think of where MY hand goes from time to time (at least once a day) it makes me shudder. The Buddha on my desk suggests that you attend the next Food Service Committee meeting and air that concern, Dan, and remember that bitching may be the fun part but it isn't enough. Well, maybe once in a while.

Next is a bit of intrigue from the Theatre department. An unnamed insider wrote to tell me that, well, I'll just quote the letter..."There is quite the growing animosity amongst theatre majors due to the casting of "The Visit." Seems some majors are being passed over again and again for roles. We have students paying to learn acting while roles are being given to CJ Majors. . . tell me how a theatre major can get into grad school or teach theatre when they aren't being cast. A few have even left the program because of this. . .".

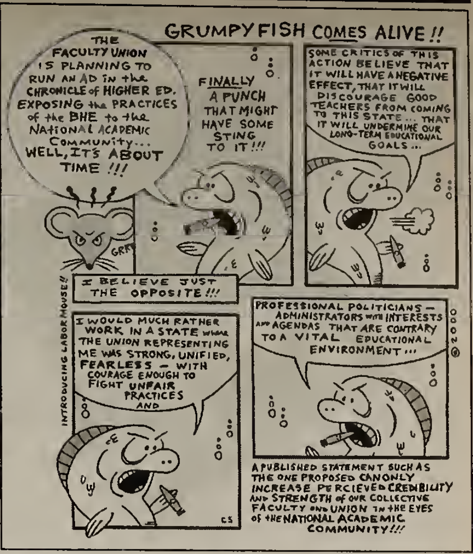
I know what you people might be thinking...sour grapes from somebody who wasn't cast because they suck. I doubt it, but the point is an interesting one. Where does the Theatre Dept.'s responsibility to its majors end and its responsibility to cast (and crew) its productions with the best talent available begin? Are some people being given too many leads? I'll draw a horrible sports analogy and say that I've always preferred "everybody plays" teams to teams with perpetual bench warmers. The Theatre Dept. has great performances (Grease, Simpatico) every season and, true, the occasional "Whorehouse" happens, but all in all, it's pretty fun (really cheap), it's a night out of the dorms, and while I'm on the subject, be cool and support MTG, alright?

Know what cracks me up, though? CJ majors with scrotum-head haircuts wearing wanna-be t-shirts from their hometown PD. Does it hurt to try that hard ALL of the time? (Chill out, guys, I slam everyone eventually. Put the batons away.)

Hey, do me a favor. Next time a telemarketer calls up, instead of hanging up on them, try to convert them to Islam. No, wait, ask them to hold on for a second, put the phone down, and go watch Blue's Clues. Maxim Magazine (which rules) suggested that you keep them on the phone for like a half-hour, sound really interested, and then, just as you're about to buy whatever it is they're selling, howl in pain and tell them that you've got to go, you've just dumped hot coffee on your (insert gender-specific genetalia here)!

I gotta split now, I'm going to solve our skunk problem. I'm throwing loosely-wrapped 6" Subway cold-cut combos into dumpsters after they've been doused in rat poison. Of course, I'll also take out a bunch of squirrels, birds, and townies that way, but to Hell with it, it's time to take our campus back! Finally, Shippy says "If at first you don't succeed, destroy any evidence that you even tried." Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist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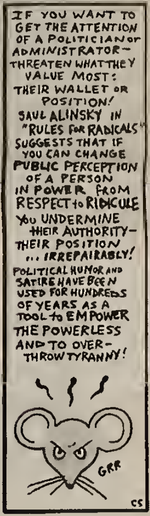
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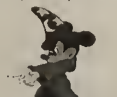

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Meanwhile at M.A.R.A.S.A

NICK GENGARELLY

This past week hasn't been an extremely eventful one for the men of M.A.R.A.S.A. We had our second successful meeting on Thursday and decided that Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. would be our set time for weekly meetings. These meetings will be open to all men every week, and periodically will be "open forums" for women so they can sit in and share their thoughts with us.

Even though we haven't been overly busy this week, it doesn't mean we haven't accomplished anything. This year may mark the first year that WSC holds a "Midnight Madness" basketball tournament, to be sponsored by M.A.R.A.S.A. As of now, the event may or may not happen, and the date is tentatively set for October 21, 2000. The men's basketball team is in full support of the project, but we are still in wait for the final go ahead. Obviously, if this happens, it will begin at midnight, and Wes Jackson, a fellow man of M.A.R.A.S.A., will be DJ-ing the event. Hopefully, we will have a good turnout and be able to spread the word of M.A.R.A.S.A.

As of the last meeting, the M.A.R.A.S.A. interest continues to grow. On Thursday, three new students came to support our cause and brought numerous amounts of ideas for us. As well as these three students, the entire men's basketball team wants to join M.A.R.A.S.A., which will really help in our expansion stage.

Another one of our tentative events soon to come, hopefully in October also, is a benefit concert. We hope to use the profits from this concet to help build our own group but also donate a majority of the funds to battered women's shelters and other organizations like them. It will most likely be an altrnative concert consisting of mainly emo and punk type bands. So far, all of the bands we have contacted are asking for very little money or none at all; they want to play simply because it's for a good cause and wish to help. Many of the members also showed interest in further pursuing their involvement in M.A.R.A.S.A, whether it be by joining, or just handing out flyers at future shows they perform in. We all have high hopes for this concert and as it grows, I will be sure to keep you updated on time and location.

As I said earlier, there hasn't been a whole lot for me to write about this past week; however, I can leave you with this. Along with the "Midnight Madness" and the concert, M.A.R.A.S.A. hopes to sponsor a dance this fall, the date of which is also to be determined. We could use hundreds of ideas like this, and the only way for us to get them is from you. So come next Wednesday. If you can't make it but feel you have something to share, call one of us: Steph 5547, Fran 7228, Wes 7552, Billy 7647, Nick and Josh 7301.

N. Gengarelly is a Voice Columnist

Careless Thoughts

CARRIE JANIK

So you walk into the bathroom of your boyfriend's apartment to find an array of magazines anywhere from Penthouse to the Victoria's Secret catalogue that mysteriously disappeared from your apartment. You are watching TV on a random Wednesday night with your man and he flips by one of the many television shows that star women who are half-dressed. You have faith that your guy will flip past it, but then he mysteriously keeps going by that same channel and finally leaves it on because--"Honey, there is nothing else on!"

I mean, any of us that watched the MTV Awards with guys know that we practically had to wipe the drool off their chins after Britney Spears performed. Even those girls that swear their boyfriend would never do anything like that soon find out that the majority of guys-how do I say-"appreciate seeing the female body on display." I know there are some guys out there that are not interested in this kind of practice, but for the sake of argument, let's generalize.

I was spurred to write this after talking with one of my good friends after she had a disagreement with her beau. She was contemplating if it was an overreaction for her to be angry with him for goggling over a girl on TV with her sitting right there. She isn't the only one, either. I asked my friends how they feel when similar situations happen to them. The general response is that they feel inadequate. For example, they gave responses such as: "Why do they have to look at another girl with me sitting right here?" Or: "I feel like I can never live up to the girls they think are hot." But really, do any of us have the right to be angry at something like this?

After thinking about it, I believe it is a natural reaction to feel slighted when the man of your dreams is ogling over another woman. However, after talking to a variety of guys on campus to get their sides of the story I came to the conclusion that we are taking it all together too personally.

When I asked them what the deal is with this infatuation, I got a wide variety of answers ranging from "Duh Carrie, it's the boobs," to a very philosophical "Carrie, pornography is a form of art." (I have to be honest I laughed at that one.) After hearing all of these justifications I came to the conclusion that the intent of these guys isn't to make us feel less superior or to make us feel we have to live up to those ideals, but it is just something that they do.

True, it is hard for us to understand because most of us girls prefer to see a romance versus a porno and a Structure ad opposed to Playboy. But let's be honest; the way guys think and the way girls think are miles apart sometimes. For the most part these little lapses are harmless. If the relationship is otherwise healthy and loving- then girls, you have nothing to worry about.

So next time you are feeling a little irked by high levels of testosterone and are tempted to put a spear through Britney's forehead, just remember that these women are just part of a fantasy world and they should never be a serious factor in your relationship.

C.Janik is a Voice Columnist

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

I'd like to begin this week's column by thanking everyone for their positive feedback regarding my response to Mr. Ward's comments about "Newspeak." I was proud to have written such a good piece in just my second week of writing for the Voice. One thing I like about this school is that it has a small number of students, and word spreads quickly.

Anyway, I was wondering how many of you watched the Presidential Debate last week, as opposed to the Playoff game. I know this is a very rhetorical question! Chances are, most of you who chose between the two picked the baseball game. Well, why not? Baseball is our national pastime, and this is just the closest Presidential race in forty years!

I know that by now, many of you may have chosen your candidate, if any, already. However, a debate between the two candidates is probably the best way to see how they will respond to questions, on their feet, and to each other. However, most people our age would prefer sports over politics on any given day. So, maybe this says something more about our society at large.

I am not trying to downgrade sports, or anyone who participates in them. Sports provide many people with a needed outlet for relieving stress and staying in shape. In some ways, however, they have been blown way out of proportion.

What would someone from another country say about a society where athletes are making millions of dollars and living lives of luxury, while others are struggling to survive? Here at Westfield State, our professors continue to work without a contract. If they were the Red Sox, they would have just fired their manager!

What does it say about our society when parents of school-aged children scream at coaches and referees over "bad calls?" Consider the father who recently killed another child's father, while the kids watched! What kind of sportsmanship does that teach?

Let's not forget the pro athletes themselves, who are far from the role models some children hold them to be! Would any parent seriously want their child to behave like Dennis Rodman, who kicked a referee where the sun don't shine, or like Mike Tyson, who bit off an opponent's ear? Thankfully, these are extreme cases, but they're are just the major ones that make the headlines. Who knows what else goes on?

I'd like to add that many children whose parents push them to do sports in grade school eventually stop before or during high school. In many small schools, like the one I went to, non-athletes are looked down on and aren't part of the "clique." Studies have shown that many so-called "geeks" or "nerds," in high school turn out just as well as those who were more popular. However, those who played sports as children will most likely encourage their own children to do so. I'm not saying anything is wrong with this, as long as the kids want to do it, and aren't being forced to.

K. Heaton is a Voice Columnist

Commuter Council Updates

Every week, this will be the place for off-campus students to find the information they need to get involved on the Westfield State campus. I will be writing this column weekly to inform you of what the Commuter Council is doing.

First of all, the Commuter Council meetings are held every Tuesday at 4:00 in the Commuter Council office (Ely 147). For any of you who don't know where that is, it is the first door on the right as you enter the side of Ely from the Commuter parking lot. I encourage all of you to stop by and give your input or suggestions.

We recently held elections for the Commuter Council. I, Colleen Fromm, was elected President, Aaron Boesch as Vice President, Sarah Miller as Secretary, and Erin Gilbert as Treasurer. I am very excited to have these people lead the Commuter Council this year. If you see any of these people, feel free to stop them and ask them what is going on for off-campus students.

We are in the process of forming ideas for fundraisers and events for commuters. If you have any ideas, please drop them in the mail slot in Ely 147. We would love to hear any opinions you might have. We are also starting a Commuter Council Logo Contest. Stay tuned for more information regarding a logo, but start thinking of a good one!

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Commuter Council, feel free to stop by anytime or call 572-5626.

Tip of the Week: If you have Firestone tires on your car, you probably should check the latest recall list!

-Colleen Fromm: Commuter Council President

Hundreds attend first Coffeehouse

■ **Coffeehouse**
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by the name of Deirdre O'Shea. Her routine consisted of Celine Dion impersonations and Crocodile Hunter jokes.

Oregon Underground followed O'Shea. The hand includes: Jay Renslow on the acoustic guitar, Martin Lee on the bongos, and Shaun Davis on Bass. The band played three original songs including "Oregon Underground Doesn't Want You Around."

Oregon Underground was followed by six breakdancers: Shaun Davis, Martin Lee, Kyle Rudolf, Jay Leftner, Chaos, Mark Bushey, and Christian Reinhardsen spun the records. The boys received much applause from the audience.

Amanda Dufreshe and Melissa Martiros came on after the breakdancers and played Jewel's "Foolish Games." Dufreshe sang and Martinos played the piano.

Mike Daugherty came on next with his guitar and played and sang Creed's "Arms Wide Open Open." Samantha LeBlanc, a freshman, said, in regards to Daugherty's performance, "I love that song. My roommate Joy and I listen to it every day and Mike definitely did the song justice."

After Daugherty, Jason Christofori stepped up to the piano and played a medley of Van Halen's "Right Now," Beethoven #9, Janet Jackson's "Always", and Dave Matthews Band's "Crash Into Me." Mike, a freshman, said, "I've been playing piano for six or seven years and it was always something I did, but now I'm practicing every single day. I had a good time even though I was a little on the nervous side."

Poet Jeremy Giannetti followed Christofori's performance with a recital of two of his original poems. Jeremy, a freshman, said, "In high school I toured coffehouses where I hosted and read. I put on poetry readings at art shows as well."

Jon Morgan and Jenny Lafleur followed Giannetti's poetry by playing Phish's "If I Could I Would," Ben Harper's "Walkaway," and Matchbox Twenty's "Push." LaFleur and Morgan are not new to coffeehouses as solo acts but they just started playing together. Morgan used to play solo and LaFleur used to sing with Westfield State graduate Bob Antonelli. After receiving an encore from the audience up front, Morgan played Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl."

Celestial Drums, a band of more than twenty people, played after Morgan and LaFleur. They jammed for about fifteen minutes on their assorted instruments, such as bongos, congas, bodhran, storage crate, bass, electric guitar, saxophone, a ladder, and other assorted percussion instruments.

Carmella Rossomando, the General Manager for WSKB helped organize Rock The Vote week. She played the djiembe with Scott Thomas who played the congas. Rossomando was also DJ of the event. Carmella said, "It turned out really well. I'm glad we got as many people as we did."

Rounding out the night, were Taj Robinson and partner with their rhymes. They each did their "school jam" raps and also freestyled along with Rossomando's beats for a while. They were joined by some of their friends towards the end.

Maggie Smith, of CAB, said, "I was overwhelmed with the huge turn out. The night was everything we expected it to be and more. I want to thank everyone who put time and effort into making this night successful."

The Gay/Straight Alliance had a table set up at the event. Matty Warner said, "The Gay/Straight Alliance is sponsoring an info. table to promote the awareness of human rights, not just gay rights." Mary Bazemore said, "We're trying to educate voters on where candidates stand on gay issues." If anyone has questions regarding this info, they can contact the alliance by email at WSC_GSA_1 @HOTMAIL.COM.

The entire program was hosted by Chris Ward, a junior at WSC. Chris just started hosting the coffee houses this year and will continue in the future as needed.

-Photo by Laura Cyr

First-timers at the Coffeehouse, this duet opened the show with a Better than Ezra cover.

Madonna releases 10th studio album to date

By Kay Saltmarsh

Voice Reporter

The ''material girl's'' 10th studio album, Music was released on September 19th and is reported to have sold over 420,000 copies in just the first week. Currently the title track off Music is the #1 song on the Billboard Hot 100 Singles Chart.

Speaking about the title track, this song is not typical Madonna. What is typical anyways? Common, conventional, regular, these words could never describe Madonna. So lets just say the song Music, is a very up beat blend of pop/dance/electronic.

The theme of this new album is actually a combination of the techno/electronic mix. While some songs are mellow and almost trance-like, other tracks have an up-beat techno sound that makes you want to get up and dance. These two techniques have one thing in common and that is the electronica groove. Many of the songs have a synthesized voice effect, which gives the listeners a sensation of emotions as they hear the music.

By now, many of you have listened to the song Music, atleast a few times and you may have realized when it's being played, you'll sing along but you might not know all the words. Well, there's this part in the song that goes like this… ''music makes the people come together/music mix the bourgeoisie and the rebel.'' My thought…what the heck is bourgeoisie? It's actually a word that refers to a class of people, like a merchant or a craftsman. So I guess this lyric is saying something about how music can make all kinds of classes of people come together. Like a celebration of some sort, music mixes all the people so they have a common bond.

I'm not going to even discuss the video for Music. All I can say is Ghetto Madonna seems to be having a pretty good time in that limo with her white cowgirl get-up on, including the hat. It seems as though Madonna hasn't stopped trying to shock people with her fearless and ever-changing attitude.

When I first purchased this CD, I looked on the back for a list of tracks. To my surprise, there were only 10 songs on the album. I was a little disappointed that there weren't more tracks, however, after listening to Music, I was not displeased at all.

I was and I am satisfied, happy, excited, and overjoyed with Madonna's latest CD. Madonna transforms herself once again and demonstrates her extraordinary range of sound on this entire album.

I won't bore you and analyze every single track on Music, but I will point out the songs that really yanked on my emotions. Track #4, ''I Deserve It,'' slows down the pace of the album with a song that represents a strong connection between a man and a woman.

One set of lyrics which demonstrate this concept goes like this… ''this guy was meant for me/and I was meant for him/this guy was dreamnt for me/and I was dreamnt for him.'' I personally think she's talking about her former husband Sean Penn. I once saw this documentary on VHI and Madonna admitted that Sean will always be the love of her life.

The 5th track, ''Amazing'' reminds me of her recent hit, "Beautiful Stranger." It has a similar rhythm. I just hope she doesn't make another video with Mike Meyers. I want to tell you guys that track #7, ''Don't Tell Me,'' is not skipping. In the very beginning of this song, the music pauses between beats as though it's skipping, but this effect gives the song a distinct and unique sound.

Madonna's good friend Rosie O'Donnell is even promoting Music. Rosie recently aired coverage of the women's Olympic teams and used the song ''What It Feels Like For A Girl.'' This was a nice way to advertise Madonna's new album, as well as give listeners a chance to hear what I predict will be the next release off the CD.

The last song, ''Gone,'' establishes a fitting end to a great emotional mix of songs. The chorus goes like this… ''turn to stone/lose my faith/I'll be gone before it happens.'' Then at the end, Madonna sings…. ''I'll be gone.'' The music ends cold, it just stops, no fading, only an ending. This song somehow completes the album and yet stuns the listener because you want to hear more Music.

Straight from the Source

Wes Jackson

What's WSC? It's Wes, back with the latest news in hip-hop. I have to apologize for not bringing you an article last week, but really there was not much news to talk about. I have to clear up one rumor though and that is that the stabbing in Boston to Celties' star forward Paul Pierce was not done by Made Men. I have to repeat that Made Men did not hate on Paul Pierce, unlike what they usually do to people that are in Boston and are getting more publicity than them.

Well after clearing up that rumor I will officially start this week's edition of "Straight From the Source":

On the 28th, it was announced that TLC may no longer tour again as a group. This is not because of problems with the group but instead it is because of illness to one of the members. Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins announced through the Associated Press that she could no longer tour ever again because of her ongoing battle with sickle cell anemia. T-Boz has been hospitalized several times because of the chronic blood disease and decided to quit touring after TLC finished taping a pay-per-view at the end of their 2000 "Fanmail" tour. It is said that T-Boz could barely finish the performance and was rushed directly to the hospital. However a spokesperson for LaFace Records, the record label for TLC, says that the group will tour again some time in the future, and hopefully it will be after T-Boz delivers her baby. Yes, T-Boz is pregnant with a baby and yes the baby's daddy is Mack 10, so don't start in rumors that it can be some else's. In other T-Boz related news her solo single "My Getaway" will appear on the movie soundtrack for "Rugrats in Paris" and will be due out in November.

A very anticipated album hit stores last week and is bringing a lot of baggage along with its arrival. The album I speak is "Shyne" the self - titled debut album for the controversial rapper Shyne. Once Shyne started in the rap world he started getting grief because he has a flow and sound much like the late great Biggie Smalls.

He did seem to rise above that and then, BOOM he gets grabbed by cops, and is a suspect in a shooting at a New York nightclub. Also, he is being charged with attempted murder because of this incident. However, this summer Shyne seemed to turn his career around when Bad Boy decided to re-sign him. After being re-signed he showed his thanks by letting loose with one of the hottest songs this summer called "Bad Boy". But, now I have to tell you about someone who is not to fondof Mr. Shyne. This person still gives credit to Biggie for starting their career. This person also went as far as to say that Shyne tries to sound like BIG but will never compare to him no matter how long he is in the rap game. This person is Lil' Kim and she also wrote a verse about Shyne on her latest album. She goes on to say that she does not even know why Puffy even does business with Shyne and says that she will never have anything to do with Shyne.

I wish I could tell Lil' Kim to just calm down and listen to his album and then past judgement on him because she sounds like an idiot with all the things she has said about him. If she has not noticed also that Shyne is saying anything back to her and is just concentrating on his career like she needs to do.

Guess who is back in the news? The one and only Eminem. This time it is for something that is actually good for his career. After scoring hits with "The Real Slim Shady" and "The Way I Am", raps KING OF CONTROVERSY is getting ready to step back in front of the cameras. This week, Eminem will meet up with Dr. Dre and Phillip Atwell in Los Angeles to shoot a video for in my opinion the greatest song he has ever made. It is the tale of fan obsession something Eminem probably knows a lot about. The name of the song is "Stan" and there will be two versions of the video, a regular-length video and an extended version. It is also said that songbird Dido will turn up in the video, she is sampled throughout the song and will probably play the girlfriend of Stan. So check out TRL and watch this video about a million times because you know how much TRL loves Eminem and his videos.

Well that's is it for me and make sure to read next week when I bring you some news about a rapper that has decided to forgo their retirement to bring you a hot new album so read and find out what else I can find out….ONE LOVE!!

W. Jackson is a Voice Columnist

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Jeff Carter

JED DION
A&E EDITOR

This year will mark Jeff Carter's 8th year in college radio. Carter, a senior majoring in communications got his start while attending college in 1992. Bouncing between U-Mass and Holyoke Community College, Carter landed at Westfield State college last year.

This year Carter does The Warhead Show every Wednesday night from 6pm to 8pm.

"I did the show at HCC and decided to do it here because nothing else I was doing here really worked," said Carter.

The show consists of Carter and his co-host Bob. The show is made up of skits such as Dr. Love, Farting Elvis and other original acts created by the duo. There are also a number of gameshows. The Porno Price is one of these gameshows. The game runs similar to the popular television show

"We look up the prices on certain adult items and then make up a new price. Then we have people call up and guess if the price is higher or lower," said Carter.

"When we did the show at HCC we had a four-hour time slot. Here at WSKB we have two hours, so we don't get around to playing too much music," said Carter.

Of the music played, rock, alternative, punk and various selections from the Space Ghost Coast to Coast Musical BBQ (the greatest album ever recorded according to Carter) can be heard.

"Our goal is just to entertain people. I just want to make people laugh and take their minds off reality," said Carter.

Carter also does a weekly colum for the campus voice. The colum is called "Jeff's Cinema Scoop" and focuses on movie facts and news.

Other hobbies besides writing and radio include comic books and animation.

Carter also runs a website for The Warhead Show and can befound at www.go.to/warhead.

Carter isn't sure what he wants to do after graduation.

"I just want to be the next Howard Stern," said Carter.

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Joe Skahan punk/ska 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Nate Germain new 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Chris & Matt punk 8-10am		
Stephani Poole new 10-12pm	Andy Lamica new 10-12pm	The Duck & Venus 10-12pm	Brian Harmon ska/punk 10-12pm	Steve Camera punk 10-12pm	Joe & Katie new 10-12pm	Amanda & Holly new 10-12pm
Scott Toomey 12-2pm	Brian Mazzone 12-2pm	Michelle & Jeff 12-2pm	Nathan 12-2pm	Mike Berman 12-2pm	Bob, Corey & Brenda 12-2pm	Nick 12-2pm
Matt & Justin hip-hop/80's rock 2-4pm	Jon & Jon new & retro 2-4pm	Melissa & Kelly 2-4pm	Cyclone J new 2-4pm	Kevin & Bobb new 2-4pm	Amy & Andrea 2-4pm	Mike & Jeff jazz 2-4pm
Mike Boyd punk 4-6pm	Jim Cartier new 4-6pm	Kay Saltmarsh mix 4-6pm	Dj Radio talk/music 4-6pm	Eileen2 celtic 4-6pm	Bob & Matt new 4-6pm	Music For Your Mind 4-6pm
Melissa Saporetti 6-8pm	Ska/Punk & Other Junk 6-8pm	Warhead Show w/ Jeff Carter 6-8pm	Mark Hite metal 6-8pm	Andy Clark metal 6-8pm	Mike Dion new 6-8pm	Doc B. jazz 6-8pm
Wes & Charles hip-hop 8-10pm	Mike, Chris, Laurel & Jeff 8-10pm	Smike & Kyle punk 8-10pm	Josh Thomson ska/punk 8-10pm	April Bak new/loud 8-10pm	Saturday Night Live in the Ely Campus Center. Check it out from 8-12am Prizes!	Time Warp to the 80's 8-10pm
Everyone Loves Emo 10-12am	Andy McArdle 10-12am	Shawn & Martin electronic 10-12am	Eric & Tim 10-12am	James & Mike 10-12am		Lamont Stockey hip-hop 10-12am
Tim & Amy electronic 12-2am	Dave, Stephan & Greg 12-2am	Mike & Christian 12-2am	Kim & Katey new 12-2am	Steve Knachel 12-2am	Blake & Ryan 12-2am	Mark, Kevin & Shannon 12-2am

To Whom It May Concern

By: Magaly Santana

To Whom It May Concern:
I bid you fair warning
That if you have found this note
Now you are forlorning.
I could not sustain the agony any more
My satisfaction was not found,
I could not find what I waited for.
All that I have found here in life
Was nothing but painful remarks,
Depressing moments, crying every night
And quick stabs to my heart.
A disappointment am I
To all I know or meet.
It is all best this way,
It would give you all a treat.
My pale wrists with revealing blue veins
Continued to call out my name,
Knives, blades, scissors, cuts,
To me it is all the same.
Dark shadows beneath me
Have possessed me to conclude
That it was time to end this suffering,
Time to end this interlude.

No one cares for me, anyway.
Everyone would rather that I'd be dead,
"Better dead than seen with me,"
Remember that? That's what you said.
And now,
Since you never showed me you cared,
To treat me nice
You never dared,
I chose for my life
To have an end
Because you, yeah,
You were never my friend.
Swallow depression, ignored the hurt,
I can ignore only for so long.
The world has treated me bad, anyway
They won't care if I am gone.
I hope that it rots or explodes to pieces
For the monster that it's turned out to be.
All you've given me is grief and sorrow
And twice as much misery.
But now, think of how happy am I
For now my pain can cease.
My suffering is now no more
So now let me rest in peace…

Jeff's Cinema Scoop

JEFF CARTER

Hey gang, this week's column is a collection of various tidbits on several different projects. Enjoy!

Kevin Smith, the critically acclaimed writer/director of Clerks, Mallrats, Chasing Amy, and Dogma, is currently putting the finishing touches on the fifth and final installment of the "New Jersey" saga. Smith, who also played the character "Silent Bob" through all four films, has just completed the final draft of the script and shooting will begin in December in Red Bank, New Jersey. At the end of Dogma, it was teased that the upcoming View Askew production would he *Clerks* 2, but Smith decided to scrap the idea. "Initially, I thought *Clerks* 2 would make sense as a bookend," Smith said. "But the story is no longer about Dante and Randal. We have one very important story to wrap up that began in *Clerks* and carried through all four flicks. It doesn't take a genius to figure out the story I'm talking about." The untitled movie will wrap up all of the loose plot threads from the previous four Smith films, and all of the actors are expected to reprise their roles.

Dwayne Johnson, better known to wrestling fans as "The Rock," has just signed an enormous $5.5 million contract with Universal Pictures to star in *The Scorpion King*, a feature film based on his character in the upcoming sequel to the Mummy. Filming is scheduled to start in mid-March, which would allow *The Scorpion King* to hit theaters in either Christmas 2001 or summer 2002. *The Mummy Returns* hits screens only months before in May 2001.

The first images from the sequel to *The Matrix* have recently popped up on the Internet. The early storyboards depict the last human city of Zion as well as a fight sequence where Neo (Keanu Reeves) smashes in an agent's face. Just as they did on the original film, the Wachowski brothers have employed comic book artists to work on the conceptual artwork for *Matrix* 2. Geoff Darrow (Big Guy & Rusty the Boy Robot, Hard Boiled) produced the images that were leaked to www.aint-it-cool-news.com. Matrix 2 is due out in theaters in April 2002.

Sir Anthony Hopkins will narrate the classic Dr. Seuss story How the Grinch Stole Christmas in the movie version opening November 24. Trailers are running all over TV right now for the Jim Carrey holiday blockbuster.

Planning is underway for a sequel to last summer's blockbuster X-Men movie. Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman, Ian Mckellan, Halle Berry, and the rest of the major principles all signed on for at least two more installments of mutant mayhem, and even though he is not officially signed up, director Bryan Singer has expressed interest in returning to the directors' chair. The plot will apparently involve Wolverine heading back into the Canadian wilderness to investigate his mysterious past in the abandoned military complex shown to him by Professor Xavier. According to Internet rumors, instead of clues to his background, he will find a fully functioning Sentinel manufacturing operation! The Sentinels are gigantic robots built by humans to detect and destroy all mutant life. The X-Men must then enlist the aid of three new X-Men to help them combat the Sentinels: Iceman, Beast, and Gambit. Look for this one in summer 2003.

Well, that's all for this week. In the next Cinema Scoop, I'll provide some in-depth information about the best places on the Internet to find facts and rumors about your favorite movies. Remember, you can always e-mail me with questions or suggestions about the column at jeffcart23@aol.com. See you next week!

J. Carter is a Voice Columnist

Def Leppard draws crowd at Big E

By Jed Dion
A&E Editor

Last weekend marked the final days of the Big E for the season. I was able to attend on Saturday, the second-to-last day.

It wasn't just any old day at the Big E however. This was the day I had been waiting for since 4th grade. Def Leppard was in town and there was no way I was going to miss it.

These days the band isn't considered a favorite of mine; in fact I haven't listened to Def Leppard since the 4th grade. I went because Def Leppard was the first band I was ever seriously into.

I remember the days of sneaking a walkman into school so one of my friends and I could listen to "Hysteria" over and over again.

We would talk nonstop about the band and even tried to form a band just like it. We even tried to convince our drummer to lose an arm.

So there I was on September 30 in the cold, patiently waiting for my first band to grace the stage. The thought of watching Def Leppard made me laugh a little; they're an 80's band and there I was waiting to see them. But I had to see them; in 4th grade I would have died to see the band.

After a long day of making my way through crowds, inhaling typical farm animal smells, counting mullets and shelling out tons of money, I was eager to see the band.

Def Leppard performed at this year's Big E.

-File Photo

The crowd packed in tight as Def Leppard made their way out onto the stage. Fans ranging from age forty to seven pumped their fists as the band kicked off the opening tune, one I was not familiar with.

After playing a few tunes from the bands most recent release titled "Euphoria," the band began playing some of the older tunes, the tunes I had come for.

Def Leppard ripped through such classic tunes as "Rocket", "Animal", "Love Bites", "Pour Some Sugar On Me", "Armageddon It" and "Hysteria" all songs off the 1987 album *Hysteria* This was the album I hadn't heard in close to ten years but immediatly remembered Saturday night.

Lyrics and everything came back to me as the band played. The sound system was incredible as the band sounded well mixed and clear. It wasn't the loudest concert hut that was probahly due to the fact that the Big E is located in a residential area in West Springfield.

Another neat thing about the show was the two large screens providing the crowds on the sides of the stage a view of the band. The monitors were large and I caught myself watching them more then the actual live musicians.

The crowd thinned slightly after the band played their smash "Pour Some Sugar On Me", but most of the fans stayed to watch their childhood icons in action.

The band filled us in on their new website defleppard.com and informed us that the West Springfield stop was the last one on their tour.

Some people didn't even know Def Leppard was on tour; I would be one of those people. I thought that Def Leppard had been brought back from wherever to perform some shows. I was wrong.

Not only is Def Leppard alive and kicking, they've recently put out a new album, been inducted to Hollywood's Rockwalk, where they placed their hand prints in the cement. The band is also tossing around an idea of putting out a live record.

It was a great show. The band that rocked 13 years ago can still rock today, even if it is 80's metal. It was one of those rare times when a thirty-year-old woman and a twenty-year-old college kid could sing the same lyrics to the same song.

"Do you feel safe on campus?"

" I FEEL VERY SAFE ON CAMPUS, BECAUSE I HAVE MET A LOT OF PEOPLE, AND I SEE PEOPLE I KNOW EVERYWHERE."

EMILY TAYLOR
ELEM. ED. 2004

"I FEEL VERY SAFE ON CAMPUS, BECAUSE I AM A COMMUTER AND I'M NOT HERE MUCH AT NIGHT."

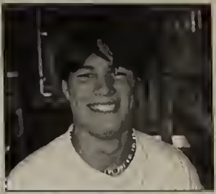
JEFF CARTER
MASS COMM
2001

"YES, BECAUSE NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO MAKE ME FEEL UNSAFE ON THIS CAMPUS."

ELISA SHEA
MATH/ECONOMICS
2002

"I FEEL SAFE ENOUGH FOR THE POLICE OFFICERS AND ISO'S NOT TO CARRY GUNS."

DUSTIN ZAGARS
UNDECLARED
2003



"I FEEL SAFE AND SECURE ON CAMPUS BECAUSE OF ALL THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE."

ALAN ROSKO
MASS. COMM
2002

"DEPENDS. DURING THE DAY I FEEL SAFE, BUT AT NIGHT I FEEL TIMID."

ASHLEY ST. MARY
ELEM. ED/THEATER
2004

-Compiled by Megan Meehan

Police Log from 9/18/00-9/24/00

09/18 - Medical transport to Noble, Lammers Hall

-Medical transport to Noble, Health Services

09/20 - General Investigation, Bates Hall

-Check person (injured) refused medical assistance, Davis Hall

-Medical transport to Noble, Davis Hall

09/21 - Malicious destruction of property, billboard torn down, Courtney Hall

-Malicious destruction of property, broken window, Dickinson Hall

-General Investigation, Lammers Hall

-Malicious destruction of property, dents in roof of vehicle, Commuter Lot

09/22 - Intrusion alarm, reset alarm, Wilson Hall
-College policy violation, confiscated alcohol, Scanlon Hall

09/23 - Check person, protective custody, Parenzo Road

-College policy violation, protective custody, Davis Hall

09/24 - Check person, Wilson Road

-Check person, transport to Noble, Maintenence Lot

-Medical transport to Noble, Maintenence Lot

-General Investigation, harrassment, Public Safety

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Open Gym Hours

Parenzo Gym

Note Changes

Mon. 11p-1a
Tue. 11p-1a
Wed. 11p-1a
Thur. 9p-12a
Fri. 6p-9p
Sat. 4p-8p
Sun. 2p-11p

Soccer

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 11 by 6:30 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 233

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Billiards

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting Wed. Oct. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Ely 233

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

5-5 Basketball

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 6:30 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 233

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Intramurals

■ Men's Volleyball Teams Needed

Still Accepting Rosters

Get them in ASAP

Not on a team, but want to play?

Call x5424

■ All Schedules are posted in Ely outside Rm 231. Please check the schedules DAILY for game times! If you cannot make a game you are scheduled for, you MUST notify the In. office (x5424) immediately! 24 hr. notice for cancelling a game or you will receive a forfeit.

Co-ed Volleyball

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 7:00 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Ely 233

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Water Polo

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-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Ely 233

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Intramural Ice Hockey...

Starting on Oct. 4 at 10 p.m.

Amelia Skating Rink (Next to Boys & Girls Club)

Attention All Intramural Players

All Players must bring an I.D. to all Intramural Games

I.D.'s will be checked from now on...

No I.D. - No Playing -
No Exceptions

Thank you - Intramurals x5424

Senior Chris Machado strokes the game-winning shot vs. Springfield College.

Ken Stewart lunges to bring down a Mass. Maritime Academy ballcarrier.

September Sports Snapshots

Women's soccer player Meghan McCann has her shot blocked by the Elms College goalie.

Field hockey players, left to right: Brooke Wadhams, Shannon Weaver, Sarah Monahan, and Meg Perreault line up to defend a penalty corner.

College roommates, left to right: Brooke Wadhams, Alison Pratt, Sara Woodcock and Serah Cormier pose for a picture during the Pep Rally held Sept. 8 on the Cempus Green. Wadhams end Pratt are field hockey players, while Woodcock and Cormier ere members of the volleyball team.

Football captains, left to right: Ken Stewart, John Frasco, and Tim Corr.

Photos By Mickey Curtis

Football Squad Handles Framingham For First Win, 28-14

FRAMINGHAM - Junior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield rushed for two touchdowns and 124 yards on 30 carries to lead Westfield State to a 28-14 New England Football Conference victory over Framingham State.

It was the first victory of the season for the Owls, who are 1-3 overall and 1-2 in the NEFC Bogan Division. Framingham dropped to 1-4 overall.

Westfield dominated the first half - compiling 230 yards in total offense to Framingham's 75 - and led 21-0 at intermission. Lyman ran for one-yard touchdowns midway through the first and second quarters.

Westfield scored with 1:08 left in the first half on a 26-yard pass from senior quarterback John Frasco (Chicopee) to freshman wide receiver Matt Yvon. The former Springfield Cathedral standout was Westfield's leading receiver with five catches for 86 yards.

Framingham finally got on the scoreboard with 28 seconds left in the third quarter on a 76-yard pass-run play from standout quarterback Luke Callahan to receiver Abe Bascon.

Westfield scored four minutes later on a 19-yard scamper by Frasco, who finished with 33 yards rushing on seven carries and completed 8 of 16 passes for 133 yards. Frasco also converted all four extra point attempts and punted six times for a 41.8 average.

Framingham scored with 3:15 remaining on an 18-yard scramble by Callahan. The Framingham native completed 21 of 38 passes for 304 yards and rushed for 27 net yards on 23 carries. Callahan, however, was sacked eight times and intercepted twice.

Defensive standouts for Westfield were junior down lineman John Cloutier of Chicopee with two sacks and a fumble recovery, and end Tim Corr with nine tackles, including four for losses and two sacks.

Cross Country Competes In New York

GENESEO, N.Y. - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams competed in the 20th Annual SUNY-Geneseo Invitational on Sept. 30.

The Westfield men finished eighth in the nine-team meet with 178 points. Springfield won the meet with 67 points, followed by Houghton College (68) and the host school (70).

Jason Pappas placed 15th for Westfield with a time of 28:14.05. Sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee was 27th in 29:07.92 and freshman Andy Krantz finished 42nd in 30:16.75. Patrick Weaver of Houghton won the race in 26:44.79.

The Westfield women finished sixth in the eight-team field with 174 points. Ithaca College won the meet with 27 points followed by Geneseo with 34.

Westfield's top finisher was Southwick's Starr Hockenberry, who placed 37th in 22:57.91. Geneseo's Jen Rettke posted the winning time of 19:25.63.

James Earley Cross Country Invitational
Saturday, Oct. 14, at Stanley Park
Women's College Race - 11:00
Men's College Race - 12:00
Open 5K Race - 1:00
Contact Bob Rausch at X5392

Home Games This Week

Monday, Oct. 9
Field Hockey vs. Eastern Connecticut, 7:00
Tuesday, Oct. 10
Women's Soccer vs. Framingham, 7:00
Wednesday, Oct. 11
Volleyball vs. Lasell, 7:00
Thursday, Oct. 12
Field Hockey vs. AIC, 7:00
Friday, Oct. 13
Men's Soccer vs. Bridgewater, 7:00
Saturday, Oct. 14
Cross Country James Earley Invite, 11 a.m.
Football vs. Bridgewater, 1:30
Field Hockey vs. Salem, 6:00

Westfield State sophomore midfielder Janet Bourget, right, battles for the ball with a Smith College player during a recent game. Bourget scored a total of four goals in big victories over Worcester State and Eastern Connecticut State. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Field Hockey Team Moves Into Top Spot

Westfield 4 - Worcester State 1

WORCESTER - The Westfield State field hockey team registered an impressive 4-1 victory over Worcester State on Wednesday night.

The Owls are 6-4 overall and 3-0 in the conference with two MASCAC games remaining. Worcester State is 2-1 in the MASCAC.

Westfield led 1-0 at halftime on a goal by junior Mary Bishop. Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham made the score 2-0 with a goal early in the second half.

Worcester closed to within one, 2-1, with 27:24 remaining. Dion and Sarah Monahan then tallied insurance goals for the Owls of second-year coach Heather Cabral.

Westfield 3 - Framingham 1

FRAMINGHAM - Two freshmen from Waltham led Westfield State to it 3-1 conference victory over Framingham State.

Renee Gahan scored the first two goals and classmate B.J. Dion added an insurance goal as the Owls improved to 5-4 overall and 2-0 in the Mass. State Conference.

All of the scoring took place in the second half. The scrappy and undermanned Framingham squad cut the lead to 2-1 on a goal with 19:32 remaining in the game.

Volleyball 4-0 In Conference

The Westfield State women's volleyball team coasted to an easy straight set victory over winless Mass. Maritime Academy.

Westfield improved to 4-0 in the Mass. State Conference and 5-5 overall.

Freshman Michelle Sanchioni of Enfield totaled three service aces and nine assists for the Owls. Sarah Cormier cootributed two aces, two kills, and 10 sets. Freshman Leah Schmidt had six kills.

Amherst Invitational

AMHERST - The Amherst College volleyball team steamrolled through the Amherst Invitational with a pair of three-game victories, defeating Westfield State (15-10, 15-5, 15-4) and Coast Guard to improve to 13-1 on the season.

In the other matchup, Coast Guard defeated Westfield State 15-11, 15-0, 6-15, 15-10.

Behind senior Larissa Farrell of Ashfield, who finished with a match-high nine kills, the Owls stayed close in the opening game, before a 5-1 Amherst run opened up a 13-7 lead.

Men's Soccer Drops Close Games

Worcester State 2 - Westfield 1

WORCESTER - Sophomore Greg Bennett scored a pair of unassisted goals to lead Worcester State to a 2-1 conference victory over the Westfield State men's soccer team.

Worcester State is 7-2 overall and 1-0 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield is 5-3 and 0-1.

Bennett scored nine minutes into the game and 30 seconds into the second half. Westfield scored with 14 minutes remaining in the game on a goal by Karl Labadorf; Chris Whalley assisted.

Rivier 1 - Westfield 0

NASHUA, N.H. - Ernest Baah scored an unassisted goal with 12 minutes remaining in the game to give Rivier College a 1-0 men's soccer victory over Westfield State.

Rivier's record improved to 7-4, while the Owls dropped to 5-4 heading into their big conference home game on Saturday vs. Salem State.

The Owls outshot Rivier, 28-12, but couldn't find the net as they suffered their second straight loss. Westfield goalie Nick Ammendolia had five saves.

Women's Soccer Posts Big Victories

Sophomore midfielder Janet Bourget of Holden (Wachusett Regional) scored two goals to lead the Westfield State women's soccer team to a 2-1 nonconference home victory over Eastern Connecticut State on Wednesday night.

Westfield is 5-5 overall while Eastern Connecticut is 5-4-1. Eastern Connecticut is ranked 10th in this week's New England Division III poll.

Eastern Connecticut scored four minutes into the game on a 30-yard direct kick by senior standout Pam Neff. Bourget tied the score seven minutes later on a penalty kick.

Bourget scored the game winner early in the second half on a 25-yard blast that just went over the goalie's outstretched hands. Assisting on the goal was senior Erin Reardon of Southampton.

Bourget also scored two goals in Westfield's key conference victory this past Saturday that knocked Worcester State from the unbeaten ranks.

Eastern Connecticut outshot Westfield, 12-8. Westfield freshman goalie Sara Barrows made seven saves.

Westfield 3 - Worcester State 1

The Westfield State women's soccer team posted a big 3-1 home victory over Worcester State on Saturday, Sept. 30.

The Owls improved to 2-0 in the Mass. State Conference and 4-5 overall. It was the first loss of the season for Worcester State (7-1-1).

All of the scoring took place in the second half. Sophomore Megan McMann scored five minutes into the half following a pass from freshman A.J. DelMonte of Chicopee.

Sophomore Janet Bourget scored the next two goals for the Owls. Her successful penalty kick gave Westfield a 2-0 lead with 25:24 remaining. She scored five minutes later on a wide open shot after receiving a pass to the middle of the field from McCann.

Worcester State, which was outshot 10-8, got on the scoreboard with eight minutes remaining.

Student-Athlete's Study Hall Schedule

Sunday - 7 to 9
Monday - 7:30 to 9:30
Wednesday - 7:30 to 9:30

For questions, contact Tara Witthuhn, athletics dept. graduate assistant, at ext. 5454

Classifieds

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I want to start a band...of any kind..all I need is the band. I can sing, kinda. Reply to Orchid in the classifieds.

To the RA in Davis with the braids, I think you are hot! Reply to the Classifieds.

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x5431

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WANTED:
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Excellent condition, 14K gold ring, 2 hearts entertwined. Only worn for a little while. Would make a great present for a loved one. Best offer.
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Wanted:
One female roommate for on-campus apt. Please call 7908.

COMICS needed for comics page! PLEASE WRITE COMICS!!

For Sale:
Soloflex Weightlifting machine with accessories and videotape. Hardly used, excellent condition.
Call 1-413-863-4562

Comic Books for sale...about 2,500.
If interested, contact the Campus Voice, please.

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Wanted:
Bass guitar...cheap.
Call Shawn at
572-3037

For Sale:
Sony Car Tape Deck
Hardly Used, Great Condition
$100
Call x7909 ask for Meg

For Sale:
1989 Ford Escort
Good Condition
Has had a lot of work done recently
$1,000 or Best Offer

Wanted:
Any electric, acoustic, or electric/acoustic guitars.
please reply to classifieds

WANTED:
Copy Editors:
English Majors and Grammar Freaks...
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x5431

Try-outs for the Hockey Team will be held at Ameila Park Arena starting on Tuesday Oct. 9th at 4pm.
Tuesday 10/10 at Williston Academy
Any questions, call Brian Ward
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Personals

Olympics- Can't wait until they are over

Hi Boo Boo- S.T.

Happy 21st Bday, Jen! Love, Kristina

If you have something secure, would you leave it for something that catches the corner of your eye or would you stay with a secure thing to never persue the attraction of that moment?

Attention all Females: Watch out for ANGRY ANTHONY!

Adam from Cityview is HOT!

To whoever stole our fish candles- give them back! My roommate is going to kill me!

Peter....Whattsss Happenen?

What's the deal with the flys in the Dining Commons?

I know you know what I'm talking about.

Monica, watch out for the black hole

Nice Guy- Shave your back

I can't believe Lucielle is gone.

Hey Kid!!

Hey swimteam...gaybar!

Who knew Finch was an RA in Scanlon?

Spring Street is a bunch of puking sallys

Fitzy- I'm pregnant

I heard from this kid, that knows this girl, who heard someone say in the gym, that there's a party at Cityview tonight.

Jodi likes Bums

My RA drinks by herself!

Sheri- Why don't you go put Francis to bed!

The BIG KIDS in Lammers need to date women their own age!

Ryan- you're a cutie! The D2 girls of Lammers

Happy 20th Bday, Becky! We love you, Love, Laurie, Kristy, Holly, Lisa, Nicole and Matty.

I hate shorts skirts and high boots...it's ugly.

Dupa and Roni- Thanks for agreeing with me...you know we are right.

Jasmine, Betsy, you stink! From your stinky roommate. Loveya girls!

I love my RA on the 4th floor of Lammers, she's so hot!

Hey Tim- Will you please sing, "Come on Over" again?

Why does the cute girl I always stare at act like she is scared of me?

Kristi and Pleau, sittin in a tree, K-I-S-S-I-N-G! -CB

Have you seen the dead goat?

I had a hybernome

K. Foley is the hottest girl at WSC

Randal loves his math buddies

TH ebest place to kareoke is Friday at the WW2 club

Red Sox 2001 Champs!

I love you, Brooke!

Katelyn- when are you going to wach my sheets?

Miz is coming...soon to get you

Hey Patsy, got any hand lotion I can borrow?

I do not look like Ann Murray!!

Oh crap! My window!

Nice Shirt Gil!

WSC x-country rules BSC's going down. Hoot-hoot

We got rid of another guy

Laurie is a meanie at monopoly!

Zabeta Kroza.

Corn, you're the best!!

FOREVER!!

Who wants to take a trip to Scammers Falls?

I lub the pookie as big as the sky.

you want to do everything right, because you don't want to do anything wrong.

Lurch's roommate is a 4th grader

Stew's a pilehopper

Happy Bday Dupa!

Paul, were you that drunk? Love, Amy

I definetly think that she is a carpet muncher

Hello- is Glory there?

TO the ex-Dic chicks..I miss Dickenson

"At cityview we don't have low standards...we have NO standards. Page 3:19"

Biggest Kids on Campus (BKOC) B413 Lammers

My bum hurts

What do you think we are, stupid?

I-T'-S C-O-M-I-N-G !!!

BKKB is the hottest softball team in the intramural league!

Happy Birthday Big Daddy- from your buddy.

Can the porner freak play winger for me?

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

Hey folks. I om here to bring you your comics ogoin this week. I hope you wont to drow your own. We hove some new ones here for oll of you to reod. There is not much else for me to tolk about here, so . READ NOW!

ACROSS
1 Manicurist's tool
5 Dairy product
10 Struck silent
14 Egyptian goddess
15 Major artery
16 Traditional knowledge
17 Cal Ripken, for one
20 Cloud's region
21 "— of the D'Urbervilles"
22 Beneath
23 Safety —
24 Flower holder
26 Middle-distance runners
29 Skin
30 Behind, on a ship
33 Actress Adams
34 Biblical mountain
35 Chinese philosopher — -tse
36 In a compassionate manner
40 Pub drink
41 Types
42 Doctor's spoonful
43 Cunning
44 Card after deuce
45 Nibbled
47 Flex
48 Shallow container
49 Take up or let out
52 Char
53 Hot spring
56 Occurring backstage
60 Level
61 Presses
62 Accompanied by
63 Bell tone
64 Wanderer
65 Fencer's weapon

DOWN
1 White lies
2 Writer Dinesen
3 Sweet-scented flower
4 Superlative ending
5 Desert animals
6 Perch
7 Makes a mistake
8 Dined
9 — Tse-tung
10 Dress style
11 Cedar or pine
12 — Stanley Gardner
13 Venison
18 Roman road
19 Unsophisticated
23 Electronic reminder
24 Outlets
25 Asian range
26 Plateaus
27 Romantic interlude
28 British sailor
29 Reverence
30 Let
31 Bogus
32 Toiled (with)
34 Not a — of evidence
37 Behind, in a boat
38 Tattered
39 "An apple —"
45 Like a meadow
46 Undercover cop
47 Creature
48 Adolescents
49 Sleeping
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52 Go to the mall
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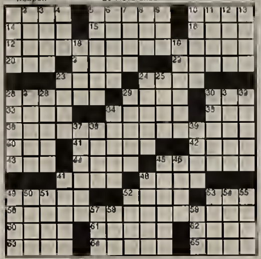
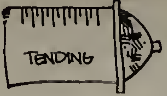
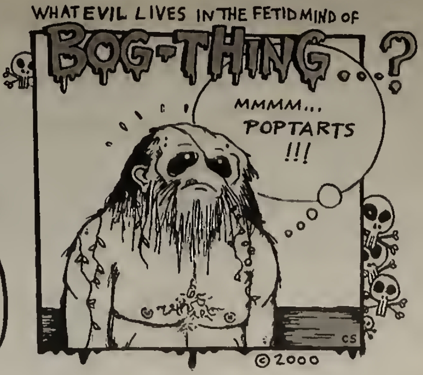
55 Arthur of the courts
57 Use a spade
58 Make an effort
59 Member of the flock



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BOG-THING...?
MMMM... POPTARTS !!!
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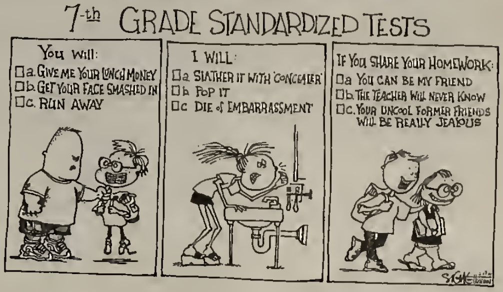
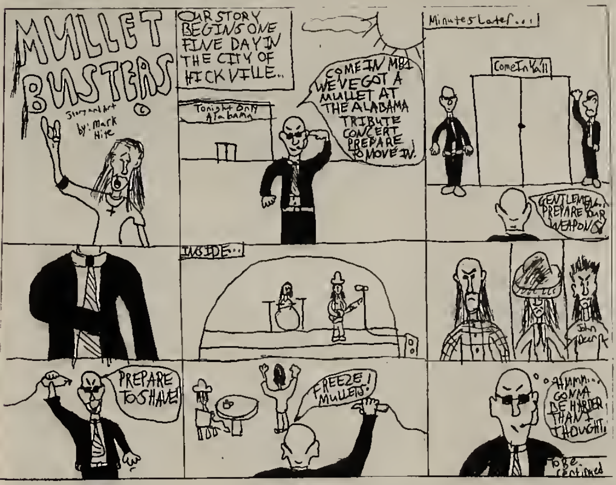

7-th GRADE STANDARDIZED TESTS
You will:
☐ a. GIVE ME YOUR LUNCH MONEY
☐ b. GET YOUR FACE SMASHED IN
☐ c. RUN AWAY
I WILL:
☐ a SLATHER IT WITH 'CONCEALER'
☐ b POP IT
☐ c DIE of EMBARRASSMENT
IF YOU SHARE YOUR HOMEWORK:
☐ a YOU CAN BE MY FRIEND
☐ b. THE TEACHER WILL NEVER KNOW
☐ c. YOUR UNCOOL FORMER FRIENDS WILL BE REALLY JEALOUS

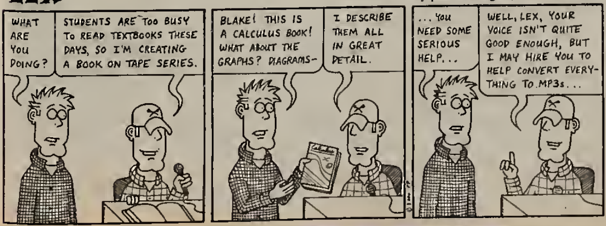

MULLET BUSTERS
Story and Art by: Mark Hite
OUR STORY BEGINS ONE FINE DAY IN THE CITY OF HICKVILLE..
Tonight Only Alabama
COME IN MB1 WE'VE GOT A MULLET AT THE ALABAMA TRIBUTE CONCERT PREPARE TO MOVE IN.
Minutes Later...
Come In Ya'll
GENTLEMEN... PREPARE YOUR WEAPONS
INSIDE...
John Deere
PREPARE TO SHAVE!
FREEZE! MULLETS!
Hmmm... GONNA BE HARDER THAN I THOUGHT.
To be continued

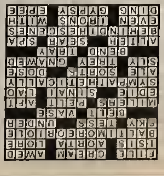
"Let's put it this way – Ernie's never going to see my tattoo."

"The artist makes a very personal statement that he's not ready to share."

LEX

by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
STUDENTS ARE TOO BUSY TO READ TEXTBOOKS THESE DAYS, SO I'M CREATING A BOOK ON TAPE SERIES.
BLAKE! THIS IS A CALCULUS BOOK! WHAT ABOUT THE GRAPHS? DIAGRAMS–
I DESCRIBE THEM ALL IN GREAT DETAIL.
... YOU NEED SOME SERIOUS HELP...
WELL, LEX, YOUR VOICE ISN'T QUITE GOOD ENOUGH, BUT I MAY HIRE YOU TO HELP CONVERT EVERYTHING TO .MP3s...



WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 10/9	4:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
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	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
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	7:00 p.m.	Student Forum on Racism	Ely TV Studio
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "American Psycho" and "28Days"	Channels 56&57
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	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
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	7:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. American International	Athletic Field
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
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Career Services addresses SGA

By Brain Burke
Voice Reporter

Last Tuesday, at the Student Government Association President Mandy Miranda started the night's deliberations off by introducing Junior Delgado, Coordinator of Career Services. Delgado came to the meeting to spread the word about what Career Services does for the students.

Delgado said that they work with seniors in helping them to find a good career when they graduate from college. However, he said they also work with freshmen, sophomores, and juniors on getting internships and part time jobs. Delgado said that it is never too early to start thinking about a career. He said there are some seniors that have never even stepped foot in the Career Services office.

Delgado and his co-workers are in the process of inviting 500-700 companies to come to the WSC campus and recruit people for jobs and

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-Photos by Voice Staff

Local bands at Rock the Vote concert.
Above: Groove Selector; Below: My Disco Village.

Rock the Vote week concludes with a local band concert

By the end of Rock the Vote week MassPIRG Rep says 160 students registered

By Jed Dion
Jackie Stutervant
& Meg Farrell
Voice Staff

The long weekend was concluded with a night of music in the Ely Campus Center. The event was dubbed "Rock the Vote," bringing live local bands together to raise awareness of voting. This event was part of a series of events called "Rock the Vote Week" and was sponsored by MassPIRG, the Student Government Association and WSKB, Westfield State's radio station. Eric Annario and Carmella Rossamando organized the event.

"We're doing this because there are over 50 million people in this country and only 12 percent of them are voting. We think this is a large problem. Its time we step up and let politicians have our voices heard. That's what Rock the Vote is for, to give young people the tools to register and vote on November 7, to make a difference," said Annarino.

With the help of music, the event's purpose was to draw people and make them aware that they should take a moment to register. A table was set up in the Campus Center with registration forms for people to fill out.

At the end of the night 160 people were registered to vote. Some of these had been filled out during the other events for "Rock the Vote Week."

"My goal is to get five hundred registered by the 18th," said Eric Annarino.

The night's headliner, Groove Selector, set up at around eleven o'clock p.m. With some coaching from Trombonist Tim Debrendis, the crowd

President says low diversity rate is 'mindboggling'

Town Hall Meeting on racism draws less than 20 people

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

A town hall meeting held in the Ely Television studio last Wednesday, to talk about race and diversity on the Westfield State College campus. The moderator for this event was Professor Stanley Jackson and the panel consisted of President Woodward, Vice President Jackson, and Viee President Lopes.

Last October, Woodward proposed that WSC should participate in President Clinton's "One America Initiative." The concept of this initiative is not only to respect diversity, but to also embrace it. according to Clinton

Last year, the dialogue on race and racism turned into a town hall meeting format. The panel consisted of twelve people. It included persons such as Woodward, Lopes, six different professors, and even a student. The meeting was attended by 90-100 people.

This year the panel consisted of only three and attracted an audience of less than twenty people. Professor Michael Engel of the political science department concluded that one reason he believed that there was such a low turnout was because nothing was said about the meeting around campus.

Vice President Lopes said that we need a stronger diversity general education requirement. Lopes also said that the school is trying to make "more courses that have diversity in them."

Vice President Jackson said that, "Many students come [to WSC] from homogeneous communities." Jackson also said that in some cases, WSC is the first place where people get to interact with people of different races or sexual orientations.

Woodward said that diversity on the campus is low and has been low since he got here. Allyce Belton, vice

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Socialist Candidate visits WSC

Third Party presidential candidate David McReynolds offers community another perspective

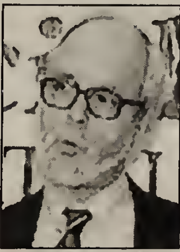
By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

David McReynolds, the Socialist party candidate for president, recently gave a speech concerning why he is running for President even though he said he has no chance of winning.

McReynolds addressed Westfield State students, faculty, administration, and the general public on Thursday, October 5 in the Scanlon Living Room at WSC, telling them his three main reasons for running.

McReynolds, who was introduced to the audience by WSC Political Science professor Michael Engel, said that his name will only appear on the ballot in seven states, but it is still worth running because it will give him an opportunity to have a referendum on ideas.

He said that one reason he is running is to bring up issues that are not being addressed in the election. "I want to raise a number of immediate demands that are not being faced by Bush or Gore," McReynolds said.



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Socialist Party Candidate
David McReynolds visited WSC.

Some of the issues that he said are not being faced are universal health care, a higher minimum wage, foreign sanctions, and the jails in America. Concerning universal health care, McReynolds said that we are the only modern country without it, and it is greatly needed.

McReynolds also said that the minimum wage needs to be raised to twelve dollars per hour. "The term working poor is an obscenity," he said, referring to a term coined by Gore. McReynolds said that there should not be people who are working and are still faced with poverty, and this can partly be remedied by raising the minimum wage.

Foreign sanctions should also be lifted said McReynolds. He said that these sanctions are not helping America and are only hurting the innocent people of those countries, such as Libya, Cuba, and Iraq. "Over 500,000 people have died because of our sanctions," he said.

McReynolds also spoke about the jails in this country. He said that these jails are not successful. He said that they break up families, that it is

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Student Trustee Shalimar Colon is this week's Voice of the Week. She loves music and drives a Honda Civic.

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Radiohead releases new album called Kid A. The full review is on page 10. -File Photo

Student forums to be held by SGA

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interviews. Delgado informed the senators of a graduate fair on Tues. Oct, 19, 2000 from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The career services center is bringing fourteen students to the fair. The cost will be five dollars per person.

When questioned about why the Career Services was located in an area of campus where not many seniors frequent. Delgado informed the senators that Career Services has held programs in the apartments.

Delgado said that the Career Services is a flexible program that is here for the students and will aid them in all their needs.

Delgado reminded the senators about Homecoming weekend which was last weekend. There was a football game, the James Hurley Memorial road race, and an open house at 333 as well as other activities. The class of 1965's reunion was held in the Scanlon living room and the class of 1975's reunion was held in the Dining Commons.

Shalimar Colon gave the Board of Trustee's Report. Colon said that there would be student forums held in October and November. A student forum open for anything will be held on Monday, October 16. A student forum with Vice President Jackson and Dean Martin for all education majors will be held on November 1st.

Another student forum regarding the army and police will be held on November 7th. Colon said all these forums will be held in the Wilson auditoriums A and B at 7 p.m.

Colon also thanked Maggie Smith from SGA, Carmella Rossamando from the radio station, and Eric from MassPIRG for all their help during the Rock The Vote week.

Dan O'Driscoll spoke as a representative for the Finance Committee. O'Driscoll moved to have five hundred dollars given to a new athletic club to help them get started. The senate approved the move. He said they are looking for two freshman and two juniors interested in being on the finance committee.

A question was raised during the meeting about change machines being put into the laundry rooms in residence halls. A student on-looker raised his hand and suggested that they have washing machines and driers that take dollar bills instead of quarters. One of the members of the executive board stated that only members of the floor could ask questions or add comments throughout the meeting.

After the meeting, Ashley Clark, a member of the senate, said, "I think people who aren't on the board should be able to ask questions because they have interests and they should absolutely have the right to speak."

Another member of the board, Alicea DeMelo, said, "I don't think people come to SGA because they don't feel welcome at SGA."

From the Editor's Desk

"New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they were not already common."
-*John Locke*

As a former member of the Student Government Association I was saddened to hear from Voice Reporter Brian Burke that last week at SGA a student on-looker was silenced by the Executive Board when making a suggestion to senate. This inconsistency is not at random occurrence but common practice Tuesday evenings at 5:30.

Last semester I attended a meeting with a fellow Voice staff member and were appalled to find that another on-looker, that is a 'non-senator' was silenced by the Executive Board (the ruling body over Senate) when he suggested that SGA periodically hold meeting in more visible locations to improve the college community's opinion of SGA by showing the amount of work senators do each week.

Some senators and Executive Board members, past and present, have negated the suggestion of outside parties at SGA meetings simply because they were not part of the group. This elitist ideology has alienated some students who have come to SGA with ideas on how to make Westfield State a better place for students to call home for four years of their lives.

Supposedly the SGA meetings follow a protocol known as parliamentary procedure though adjustments have been made to the official standards and modified to fit WSC's SGA needs. This fact coupled with the perception SGA provides, that the meetings are an open forum with all of the college community invited, leads non-senators to believe that outside parties should be recognized at these meetings.

The fact that some on-lookers can speak while others can not leads to the inconsistency. Father Dean, VP Jackson, Daryl Hendery, and in the past the well respected Peter Mazza, are all allowed to ask for clarification and add comments despite the fact that they are not members of SGA.

SGA as a programming body has improved by leaps and bounds in my four year tour at WSC, but perhaps one improvement that could be addressed could be to listen to their constituents at their meetings. Those who SGA represents do have valuable new ideas and should be able to voice their opinions regardless of protocol, professionalism, proper procedure, and virtual closemindedness.

RJ Burgess III

Woodward says that it will take time to change diversity on campus

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president of the third world organization, asked, "Why wasn't [lack of diversity] addressed earlier?" Woodward responded that, "Diversity is one of our priorities," and it takes time to see a drastic change.

Andrew Johnson, associate director of the campus center, noted that in the twenty-five years that he has been at WSC the diversity level has always been around 4-6% and it seems like "a wall we cannot get over."

Johnson asked Woodward, "What percent [of diversity] would you like to see?" "When will we get there?" he asked Woodward said, "Why we are not at 10% by now is mindboggling."

Woodward also said that at his previous institution it took about eight years to get from 5% to 17% in terms of racial diversity. He cannot promise to be able to do the same here in the same amount of time, but he said, "I thinks we will be able to do the same here."

Jackson said, "You cannot force students to come [to WSC]; you have to influence them." Jackson also said that there are more colored students in the Greater Hartford Area than in the whole state of Massachusetts.

Jackson believes that to increase diversity levels, the college has to recruit students from other areas. There are many ways to get them to come here. He suggested going to their towns and bussing them here or by high school counselors suggesting WSC, there are ways to greaten diversity.

In his closing Woodward said, "I wouldn't say WSC is in bad shape [in regards to racial diversity]," but more is needed to be done to strengthen the diversity on our campus.

Moderator Jackson thanked everyone for coming and said that the campus race dialogue discussion reports will be made available to everyone and that there will be more meetings on diversity in the future. There will be another meeting sometime next semester and that there will might be one as early as December of this year.

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Socialist cites capatilist downfalls

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too hard for those in jail to get jobs when they are out, and that there are huge amounts of people in jail whose right to vote is taken away while they are in prison. He said that if people were to talk to the wardens of prisons, they would realize that the system doesn't work. He said he wants to see the prison system changed, but admitted that sometimes there are no other options. "I think the whole prison system stinks, but sometimes we don't have any other alternatives," he said.

McReynolds said that in addition to saying "some things that I wish to God someone was saying," he also wanted to make the American public more aware about Socialism. "I want to put the concept of Socialism back into play," he said.

He spoke about the current capitalist system and the downfalls of it. He said that one example of this is the many advances that have been made in technology in recent times, which are now all owned by private corporations. "We have let this enormous shift become privatized...It's not natural," he said.

He also spoke about the tobacco industry. He said that the government has known for decades the damage that can be done, but has still let them advertise tobacco products positively. He said that only after enormous pressure and law suits did the government require the tobacco companies to run warnings. "I'm not against smoking," he said, "but against corporate structures making billions of dollars out of your death."

McReynolds said that Socialism is not a foreign concept. "Socialism is not an alien thing," he said. "It is as American as Apple Pie." He said that the U.S. Socialist Party was founded in 1901 and that the first international Socialist movement was in the United States. He said that Debbs, the first U.S. Socialist candidate for President, got six percent of the vote when he ran.

> **"Socialism is not an alien thing. It is as American as apple pie."**
>
> -David McReynolds

McReynolds said that he also wanted to encourage people to join Socialist organizations: "One of the reasons for running is to get you to join the Socialist party." He said that he wants to make the Socialist ideas viable to discussion in America.

McReynolds has been active in the Socialist movement since the 1950's. He has a long history of political activism in the peace movement, which started with the War Resisters League in 1960. McReynolds is also the only openly gay presidential candidate.

The audience's reaction to McReynolds speech was very positive, and he very often had them laughing to his stories and comments. Dave Lucander, a WSC sophomore that attended the speech, said that it was great that WSC had a political candidate come speak on campus, though he wished more students had attended it. "I wish most students at school weren't so apolitical," he said.

Lucander also felt the content of McReynolds speech was good for people to hear as well, saying that Gore and Bush aren't doing this. "I think someone has to bring up the issues him and Nader are talking about," he said.

Tom Watkins, a WSC senior, said that McReynolds was well spoken and seemed very knowledgeable about what he was talking about. "He seemed to present himself pretty moderately," he said. "He was very down to earth and just seemed like an average person."

-File Photo

Onawumi Jean Moss, the Associate Dean of Students at Amherst College, spoke about cultural similarities last week at WSC.

Women encouraged check for breast cancer

By Patricia Berube RN
Special to the Voice

Don a pink ribbon on your lapel to denote awareness to this serious cause. "Early Detection is your Best Protection." This slogan of the American Cancer Society is to remind women to do monthly self breast exams. Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women after skin malignancies. Statistics report that one in eight women will develop breast cancer sometime in her life.

The incidence of breast cancer in young women is extremely low, but the American Cancer Society recommends women begin monthly Breast Self Exams (BSE) at age twenty. BSEs should be done monthly seven to ten days after the onset of a woman's menses.

Clinical breast exams are recommended every three years from ages twenty to thirty nine, and then once a year after age forty. Mammograms are recommended yearly after age forty. Clinical exams and mammography visits would be increased if a woman had a family history of the disease.

Please contact our Department for more information or check the following websites: National Breast Cancer Coalition (www.natlbcc.org); The American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org).

Voice of The Week

Shalimar Colon

POSITION AT WSC: SGA- STUDENT TRUSTEE

HOMETOWN: SPRINGFIELD, MA

FAMILY: 1 BROTHER, 1 SISTER, 2 DOGS

YEAR AT WSC: SENIOR

HOBBIES: MUSIC, CLUBBING, HAVING A GOOD TIME

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: THE COFFEEHOUSES, SPRING WEEKEND, AND DANCES.

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: UNDERLYING POLITICS THAT PEOPLE DON'T SEE

PERSON SHE WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: LUCILLE BALL

BEST DAY OF HER LIFE: GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL

FAVORITE QUOTE: "TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY MOMENT BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU WILL HAVE THAT CHANCE"

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FAVORITE FOOD: LASAGNA AND ANY SPANISH FOODS

FAVORITE BOOK: THE PILOT'S WIFE

FAVORITE MOVIE: ENEMY OF THE STATE

-Compiled by Laura Gibson

Alcohol Awareness Week

Monday October 16	Tuesday October 17	Wednesday October 18	Thursday October 19	Friday October 20
Warren Blumenfeld Scanlon Banquet Hall 7:00 p.m.	Tony Casciano's "Driving with Beer Goggles" Courtney Hall 3:00 p.m.	*"Alcohol 101" Ely Main Lounge 11:00 - 2:00 p.m. *Open Forum: Alternative Programs Ely Lounge 7:00 p.m.	*"Friends who drink too much" Scanlon Living Room 4:00 p.m. *Production "Last Call" Dever Aud. 7:00 p.m.	"Adult Children of Alcoholics" 3rd World Room 12:30 p.m.

Private schools get taste of public schools challenges

BY JILL LEOVY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MILWAUKEE - One lesson is clear from this city's decade-old experiment with school vouchers: a lot of people didn't know as much about schools as they thought they did.

Barbara Lee, a Catholic school principal, didn't know that two-thirds of her teaching staff would quit the first year her school accepted voucher students.

Edward McMilin, a public school bureaucrat, didn't know that, given choices, many parents would care more about day care than test scores. And Taki S. Raton, a private school principal, didn't know when he opened his academy that his first concern would he controlling gang fights, not teaching his cherished Afrocentric values.

All know better now. But what no one seems to know, in public or private schools, is a simple recipe for educating concentrated populations of poor children.

``We keep looking for a magic way to do this," said Lonnie J. Anderson, a public school principal. ``There isn't one."

As Californians consider a November ballot initiative that would grant every child in the state a $4,000 voucher for private school, Milwaukee, home to the nation's largest publicly funded voucher program, offers this lesson: Urban education remains a tough job, even when schools compete.

In contrast to the California proposal, the Milwaukee program grants vouchers only to low-income parents. But it is one of the few examples nationwide of how publicly funded vouchers play out in reality.

Nationwide, the debate over school vouchers is steeped in ideology and passionately fought. Advocates tout the virtues of the free market and competition; opponents fear public school resources will be sapped, and they oppose mingling religious education and public money.

But in Milwaukee's classrooms - both public and private - ideology is drowned out every day by the realities of educating children who have fallen far behind, children without stable homes, children exposed to violent street culture, children who don't speak English, children with a parent in jail.

Even public schools, far more familiar with this environment than the private ones, had some things to learn.

An example involves busing. Seventy percent of Milwaukee public school children ride a bus. Busing has long provided ammunition for voucher advocates, who argue that it shows that a district is poorly run.

But school officials have discovered that substantial numbers of parents actually prefer that their children be bused. When asked about busing, some parents admitted to using the long rides as a form of free day care. Long bus rides assure children are being supervised during the early morning and afternoon hours while parents work, they said.

A Milwaukee area high school. -File Photo

In all the years busing has been an issue, ``we had never delved into the reasons before," said McMilin, the Milwaukee school district's facilities planner.

Vouchers have made it possible for a share of Milwaukee's children to attend private schools their parents could not otherwise afford. But they have not succeeded in sprinkling poor students evenly among their wealthier private school peers, so voucher students tend to be concentrated. Half attend just one-fifth of participating private schools, according to the Public Policy Forum, a Milwaukee research group. In at least 20 private schools, 90 percent or more of students receive vouchers.

The result is that some private and public school educators in Milwaukee's urban core have begun to sound awfully similar.

Private school principals here fret about discipline problems and teacher shortages. Public school principals refer to parents as ``customers" and talk about consumer surveys. Both voice frustration at their schools' being constantly compared to suburban schools. Both say urban schools are too often judged by people who have never been in them.

Milwaukee is a city with a small-town feel despite its 600,000 residents. It is a city of smokestacks and steeples - a two-area-code, lakeside town of 19th century homes, tree-lined streets and majestic stone buildings. It's also a city of overgrown weeds, vacant lots and shuttered brick factories.

Blacks comprise about 40 percent of the population. The school system, though, is 62 percent black, and 83 percent minority - due partly to white flight, partly to the relative youth of the minority population.

Wisconsin's Parental Choice program was launched on an experimental basis in 1990 and later expanded to include religious schools. Though a state law, it affects only Milwaukee.

Today, about 11,000 low-income Milwaukee youngsters receive $5,326 from the state to attend private schools. The number enrolled has increased sharply since access to religious schools was granted three years ago. Students in the Parental Choice program still represent only about a tenth of the number of Milwaukee children attending public schools.

Several thousand vouchers go unused. Whether that is due to lack of space in private schools, eligibility problems or preference for public schools isn't clear. Surprisingly, overall private school enrollment in Milwaukee has declined slightly in the 10 years since the voucher program began.

The effects of vouchers on Milwaukee public schools are hotly debated. Achievement gains are difficult to gauge because the private schools are not required to test students. (California's voucher initiative, Proposition 38, would require private schools to administer the Stanford 9 test to voucher students.)

Although it's impossible to know how much vouchers have had to do with it, it's clear that Milwaukee's public school system is changing, attacking some of its problems and replicating its successes.

Auer Avenue Elementary School is one of the latter: A nearly all-black, all-poor school where 90 percent of students are at average or better reading levels. Principal George Kazel's formula uses experienced, generalist teachers and a schedule that allows kids to be pulled aside in smaller groups.

Many Auer teachers seem to be in the career mid-range. One such teacher, Rence Allen, kicked off an English lesson by writing a mock essay on the overhead projector, pretending not to notice it was full of mistakes. Her students were captivated, bouncing off their chairs in their eagerness to correct her.

Perhaps the most dramatic changes have taken place within private schools, particularly those with large numbers of voucher students.

Some report being forced to hire more administrators, social workers and special education teachers and to raise salaries. Private school educators talk of days filled with a new array of small tasks: tracking down parents whose phones are disconnected, filling out more child abuse reports, tutoring children who are behind.

At the private, Afrocentric Blyden Delany Academy, the challenges of urban education are keenly felt.

The drab former church building with a peaked roof is more than a century old. A basement cafeteria is windowless and spare. But the walls are lined with bright posters on African history.

The students, kindergarten through eighth grade, nearly all receive vouchers. They are supposed to wear uniforms of yellow shirts, but so many have failed to do so of late that Raton, the principal, has cracked down. The result has been high rates of absenteeism as students without uniforms have stayed home, he said.

It's the sort of problem Raton didn't anticipate when he opened the school three years ago. Sitting in his office, surrounded by African masks, Raton recalled: ``I had this ideal: an African-American school...perfect nice little children happy to be in school that was all black with teachers who love them and have high expectations. ... " He gave a short laugh.

The first year, there was a lot of ``gangster stuff," he said. There were fights, kids who had to be restrained or who were openly defiant.

``It threw me for a loop," Raton said. He hadn't planned on using suspensions or expulsions to discipline students, but he has come to see that it's necessary. Asked if he had ever used corporal punishment, Raton answered: ``Not under the letter of the law."

Today, he says, things are going much more smoothly. On a recent rainy fall day, Blyden Delany's classrooms appeared much like classes anywhere. Raton says the emphasis is on character, not academics. But here, as elsewhere, teachers stand in front of rows of students and teach grammar and multiplication.

Young, Rural, and Addicted

BY SUSAN SCHMIDT
WASHINGTON POST

DUBLIN, N.H. - Tod Stacy's descent into heroin addiction began when he was suspended from the University of New Hampshire for having marijuana in his dorm room. He returned home to Dover, N.H., and moved into a ``party house" with friends when his disappointed parents said he couldn't live at home.

``I think I did it just to fit in," said Stacy, 24. ``I started sniffing it. There was no way I was going to use a needle - I don't even like my blood being drawn."

But one night that all changed. ``I think I was drunk. Someone else was shooting up. Someone shot me up. I couldn't believe the difference."

For the past year, Stacy has been fighting the drug's grip here at an intensive Phoenix House residential drug treatment program.

At another residential program in nearby Keene, 21-year-old Joanna, who asked that her last name not be used, started with nothing to lose. Her mother was hooked on crack cocaine, and her childhood was a story of chaos and neglect. She started snorting heroin at 16. By 17, she was shooting it, hopelessly addicted. By her own account, she has spent years stealing and ``scamming people" to get money to buy heroin. She's spent 13 months in treatment and state prison, and she faces more time if she washes out of this program.

Jan Manwaring runs the treatment program Joanna attends.

"I don't do needles,' that's what I hear all the time - so they sniff it," Manwaring said. ``There was a myth going around that that way you don't get addicted."

Getting a spot at even a month-long residential program is becoming difficult. Private residential treatment programs are closing their doors because insurers, especially managed-care providers, refuse to pay. Two-thirds of the patients at some private programs are paying out of pocket, providers say. In New Hampshire, only three private residential programs are left; a dozen have closed over the past decade, state officials said.

There are elements of Joanna's story in the lives of most everyone who spends time in court-ordered treatment here: recklessness, a powerful addiction, degradation, criminal activity, and the real prospect of long years in jail - or worse - if they don't manage to kick the habit.

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3 counties try online voting

THE WASHINGTON POST

Three counties will hold online voting trials this year, providing a look at what many believe is the wave of the electoral future.

Citizens in Sacramento and San Diego counties in California and Maricopa County in Arizona can cast their ballots the old-fashioned way while trying out point-and-click balloting at the polling place. None of the three counties will allow voters to participate in the trial from their home or office computers and none of the online votes will actually count.

In California, the online trial will take place at early-voting poll sites, from Oct. 23 to 27 in San Diego County and from Oct. 30 to Nov. 7 in Sacramento County. In Arizona, the trial online vote will take place Election Day, with an Internet voting booth set up just outside a polling place in Maricopa County.

The trials will be conducted by votehere.net, a Bellevue, Wash., company that claims to have developed an airtight security system guaranteed to preserve the privacy and integrity of the vote while providing an accurate and immediate tabulation.

So far, only Arizona Democrats have conducted a binding online vote, in their presidential primary earlier this year. Many enthusiasts predict Internet voting will boost turnout and help disabled Americans cast ballots, but polls show strong public wariness. A recent survey by the Council for Excellence in Government found that 59 percent of Americans oppose Internet voting.

Sobering news at Jim Morrison's grave

BY JOHN-THOR-DAHLBURG
LOS ANGELES TIMES

PARIS - In tribute, Anke Bettenfeld, a nurse from Germany, came to the hillside tomb singing ``Roadhouse Blues." She wanted to leave a can of beer as a sign of remembrance, but the guard told her to put it back in her bag.

So instead, the 22-year-old woman with strawberry-red dyed hair thoughtfully smoked a cigarette while gazing on the grave. Meanwhile, a closed-circuit TV camera hidden in a street light monitored her and other arriving pilgrims.

No tomb in France has caused more trouble than the one under a tall tree in Division No. 6 of the Pere-Lachaise cemetery in northeastern Paris. The headstone is a dark, squat block of granite, inset with a graffiti-marred plaque bearing the name of the deceased: James Douglas Morrison, better known as Jim Morrison, the late lead singer of the rock band The Doors.

Morrison died of heart failure in mysterious circumstances in Paris on July 3, 1971, and was buried in this city's most famous cemetery with the likes of Frederic Chopin, Honore de Balzac, Oscar Wilde and many other luminaries.

Fittingly, perhaps, the Los Angeles transplant who epitomized the liberated, drug-saturated counterculture of the 1960s caused authurities enormous problems even in death. His grave became the site of drug parties, Black Masses and trysts with prostitutes.

A bust of Morrison was desecrated with graffiti and had its nose sliced off by souvenir hunters, then was stolen. In 1991, on the 20th anniversary of the rock star's death, thousands of unruly fans rioted at Pere-Lachaise, and the skull-busting CRS, an elite unit of the French police, had to be called in.

Jim Morrison. -File photo

Oliver Stone's 1991 movie about Morrison spawned an entirely new generation of fans and visitors to his unassuming grave. Guards at Pere-Lachaise estimate 1.5 million people come each year.

These days, the grave site is unique in France. A guard is constantly on hand to keep an eye on crowds that can swell to 300 during peak hours. The TV camera also keeps watch, in case reinforcements have to be called in.

According to Rainer Moddermann, who authored a slim book on Morrison's ill-fated March-July 1971 sojourn in Paris, authorities are so antsy that there is even a second all-seeing TV camera, perhaps hidden in a nearby tree.

This fall, the grave has been back in the news after reports that families who own surrounding plots had petitioned Paris officials not to renew the concession for Morrison. But Rosie Bordet, a spokeswoman for the city's Parks and Gardens Department, said those dispatches were without foundation.

A Paris legal firm takes care of the grave, she said, under an agreement with the late singer's father, a retired Navy rear admiral.

``There is absolutely no petition to have him moved and no plan to do so," Bordet stressed. ``Jim Morrison can rest in peace in the Parisian earth, and the fans can keep coming to visit him."

Depending on the season, the fans come frum France, Germany, Italy, Eastern Europe, the United States and elsewhere. Outside Pere-Lachaise's walls, merchants cater to this durable Doors-mania, and even shops dealing in marhle tombstones offer T-shirts bearing Morrison's portrait.

Many visitors nowadays were born after Morrison's death. Of them, Bettenfeld and her friend Karina Woll, 23, an optician from Cologne, were typical. They love the Doors' music, they said, but can't relate to the live-fast, die-young lifestyle of the era that might have led to Morrisun's demise at the age of 27.

``It's like (German philosopher Friedrich) Nietzche said," Bettenfeld reflected. `Sometimes the idiot and the genius are the same person."

Prescription 'drug war' lures Americans north

BY DENEEN BROWN
WASHINGTON POST

TORONTO - There's another drug war. It's fought quietly by Americans, often bent and in pain, who climb aboard buses and head across the border into Canada, where they can buy prescription pills at prices they say help them survive.

``I've been up in Montreal three times," said Lucille Danyvow, 79, who is recovering from breast cancer and has trouble walking. ``I think it's a shame how much drugs cost in America."

The last time she took the ride to Montreal, she bought a bottle of the cancer drug Tamoxifen for $34. It costs her $241.67 near her home in Vermont. She bought some cholesterol medication, Zocor, for $60, another bargain - the small bottle costs $101.82 at home. The money saved, she said, is the difference between soup and solid food.

The cost of prescription drugs emerged Tuesday night as a core issue of the first presidential debate, with Vice President Al Gore identifying a man in the audience who goes north to buy medicine. As Gore and his Republican opponent, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, continue to spar over the issue, Canadians look with disbelief at the prices Americans pay and worry that those who come here to buy drugs will upset the bargain prices in the country's $6.4 billion-a-year market for low-priced pharmaceuticals.

The basic reason for the lower prices here is a firm Canadian government policy that manufacturers cannot charge ``excessive" amounts for patented medicines. Drug companies, therefore, sell their products at lower prices and take less profit. Although generic drugs are not regulated in this way, Canada's approach to health care in general is that it cannot be left to market forces.

It's part of a universal health care system that promises that, regardless of how much money you make, if you go to hospital, you will get treatment.

A price review board, created as an independent agency in 1987, oversees the cost of drugs. It regulates prescription and over-the-counter drugs to make sure prices never rise at a rate faster than the consumer price index does.

Before the price review board was created, ``Canada's drug prices were the second-highest among comparable developed countries," said Tara Madigan, spokeswoman for the Department of Health. ``And today, Canadian drug prices are third lowest."

Geoff Bell, a spokesman for the provincial ministry of health and long-term care in Ontario, said access to drugs and service ``shouldn't be based on your ability to pay. ... We don't have any indication that the public would want to see that changed to go to an American-style system."

Many drugs on sale here come from the United States. But because of the regulations, U.S. drug companies are often obliged to sell to Canadian wholesalers at lower prices than they get in the United States.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the Washington-based trade association that represents the drug industry, opposes price controls. Market-based pricing is needed to ensure that drug companies can cover the huge cost of developing and testing new drugs. it contends.

In its view, price controls are part of the reason that Canada is not developing many new drugs on its own. ``We think that innovation will best flourish where markets and customers are able to decide prices rather than government," said executive vice president Judith H. Bello. ``Price controls discourage private investment in innovation."

While Bush and Gore debate what if anything to do about drug prices in the United States, other politicians are trying to help Americans tap into the Canadian system.

"I have to go to another country to get my drugs."
-Elizabeth Wennar

Last week, congressional Republicans reached a deal to pass a bill that would make it easier for Americans to ``re-import" U.S.-made medicines from Canada and other countries where the prices are lower than those charged for the same drug sold in the United States. The bill would lift a ban on U.S. pharmacists re-importing drugs from other countries.

Some economists contend that because Americans pay higher prices, they are subsidizing inexpensive drugs for people whose countries control prices.

Canadian pharmacists are critical of the U.S. legislation. ``It could undermine our whole health care system, where we manage to maintain some price control," said Noelle-Dominique Willems, a spokesperson for the Canadian Pharmacists Association. ``We consider that an attempt by the U.S. to avoid controlling their own drug markets to try to push people to go and get cheaper drugs elsewhere without consideration for the impact that it would have on the country from which they are trying to get that medication."

Willems said the law would be at odds with Canadian laws that attempt to preserve low prices by preventing Canadians from selling wholesale to the United States. ``When a multinational sees there is a small market that would like to control costs, there is no skin off its nose," she said. But ``when you undercut that market, I think we would see a cost increase in Canada."

Canadian pharmacists also have concerns about the part of the legislation that requires the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to ``ensure the quality of goods" imported from Canada. ``In order to do that, you would have to do site visits," she said. ``We are still a sovereign nation. You don't just do this."

U.S. critics of the legislation have said that opening the borders to imported drugs could prompt counterfeiting and tampering. Alan Holmer, head of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, has expressed concern about the safety of imported drugs.

In the meantime, Americans continue to go north, shopping for drugs in Montreal, Niagara Falls, Windsor, Winnipeg and Sarnia.

Ronald Guse, registrar of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association, the licensing body for pharmacists and pharmacies in Manitoba, said members are receiving dozens of calls from Americans who want to get prescriptions filled in Canada. But no one knows precisely what the total numbers are.

Americans cannot simply take their U.S. prescriptions to Canadian pharmacies and fill them. They must be sent there by a Canadian doctor. But that's not difficult to arrange.

Americans show up at walk-in clinics, carrying their medical records and notes from their doctors, and ask Canadian doctors to examine them and write prescriptions.

``Some Americans have doctors here. They come to see the doctor, then they come to my drugstore," said Kevork Ohanian, a pharmacist in Montreal.

Some are seniors so frail they must be lifted un and off buses. Elizabeth Wennar president of United Health Alliance, a Vermont physician-hospital organization that has created a system for physicians to order drugs by mail from Canada for individual patients, recently took a trip to Canada with seniors.

``It was about a 90-degree day. This trip took about 12 hours from beginning to end," Wennar said. ``I was totally exhausted."

So were many of the patients. Wennar said she was saddened by the need for sick people to make trips out of the country to buy medication they cannot afford at home.

``These people had arthritis so bad they had to be lifted on and off the bus. But one said to me, 'I don't have a choice. I can barely move as it is without my medication, I'm homebound. I have to go to another country to get my drugs.' One woman on the bus had seven medications. She was saving $2,000 a month."

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Love's not blind. It's stupid.

I'm not bitter or anything. I'm really not. I've just noticed that as far as emotions go, love is not one of the sensible ones. It makes you do really dumb things. It makes you repeatedly take back people that you know are wrong for you. It makes you wait around for years, hoping for a love that you know you're not going to find.

Love finds you walking across campus in the middle of the night, through rain, snow, sleet, whatever. Just to see that person, to be close to them, if only for a couple minutes. Love keeps you up late at night, worrying if that person got home from the party safely. You sacrifice friends for love. You stay with your loved one when they are sick, even though you haven't studied for that final you have the next day. You put up with all their bad moods, with all the complaining, with all the petty, meaningless fights. Basically, you put yourself through hell for love.

So why do we do it? Why do we let ourselves fall in love over and over, when all it seems to lead to is trouble? After all, relationships wind up one of two ways. You either stay with that person forever, or you get your heart broken. Odds are, you'll find the latter far more often than the former. I see so many people getting hurt by relationships that aren't even worth being in.

So many people convince themselves that they are in love, when really they are just afraid to be alone. Afraid that if they give up on this relationship, then they will never find that feeling of security again. Others seek out a relationship because they are the only one of their friends without someone to love. As if they will be a better person if only they have someone to call a boyfriend or girlfriend. Given how much hurt comes with love, you have to wonder why we even pursue it. Frankly, it would make a lot more sense for us all to be heartless bastards. It would be so much easier if we could worry only about ourselves and say to hell with other people's feelings. Because as hard as you try, you just can't make sense of this silly, stupid thing called love.

But then, something funny always happens. You see that couple cuddling while they wait outside during a fire alarm, the girl's head buried in the guy's chest, wrapped up in his jacket. You see a couple having a spitting contest on the boardwalk in Stanley Park, laughing like little kids, oblivious to all others around them.

You see a guy softly strumming a guitar at the Coffeehouse, his girlfriend watching, eyes wide with admiration and pride. At a rock n' roll show, they sway gently to the music, neither willing to let go of the other's hand, every song seemingly played just for them. You see a couple wrestling on the couch until one mercilessly tickles the other into submission, and both ending up gasping for breath, laughing at the ceiling. You see a big tough guy, sheepishly presenting his girlfriend with a stuffed Pooh, and you see his eyes light up with joy when she clutches it gleefully to her.

And then, suddenly, it starts to make sense. Suddenly you see why we put up with it all, why we go through so much heartache in our search for love. We realize that there is no such thing as that "one true" love. We find that there are countless loves for each of us, and each comes to an end. They are painful, yes, but they serve their purpose. With each heartbreak, we learn a little more about ourselves, and we grow a little stronger. And we know, deep inside, that another love, the strongest love, is out there still. And so we search.

And we find ourselves doing all the things that make the crazy little game worth it. You find yourself knowing that you should take back that person, even if it sometimes seems so wrong. You find yourself patiently waiting, semester after semester, for that girl to notice you, even though everyone else tells you it's hopeless. You find yourself at two AM, happily skipping through the driving rain and stinging sleet, just because you know you'll see your loved one soon. When your loved one finally stumbles in, after a late night of partying, devoid of phone calls, all anger flees from you, so happy you are that he or she is OK. You find yourself so in love with someone, that you'll continue to see them, despite what your friends think. And you'll wind up staying with that person all night, making them soup, giving them tissues, and telling them everything will be all right, that they'll feel better soon, even when you should be studying for that final. And you'll be smiling the whole time.

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>
> -Jon Sewell

Love's not blind. It's stupid. Just like all of us. We'll never make sense of it. We probably aren't meant to either. But once you feel it that first time, you'll never stop looking for it again. Because only love can be so painfully wonderful, so confusingly simple.

Love's not blind. It's stupid.

And we wouldn't want it any other way.

"To the world, you might be just a somebody; but to somebody, you just might be the world" -unknown, though they were a hell of a lot smarter than me...

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

Behind the Shades

DAN WALSH

I was in a National Student Exchange meeting the other day when the students there started to rag on me for my seemingly morbid settings for my columns. They stated that I was painting this picture of poor Dan, all by himself in a dark room just listening to music and smoking butts. After I got out of the meeting, I had a chance to review some of my older columns and said, "Gee, maybe they were right. It does sound a little odd when I phrase it like that."

I set out to write a little happier, and stayed with some normal topics that maybe a more diverse population of readers would be able to identify with. I then promptly ripped up the articles and threw them out. This is what I'm all about. When I started out writing this column, I honestly didn't expect any type of a response. But I was forgetting what a small campus this is, and after a little while, quite a few people had said that they liked my articles. I had set out with the distinct point to just write.

That's the other thing that I do, I write. Up until last year, I never let anyone read my writing. I don't like to share that side of myself with people because I don't like being open to criticism, and I also don't like it when people know what's going on inside my head.

I write this column for the sole purpose of writing. Now don't get me wrong…I like getting feedback on my column, but I also don't want to be told how to write. This column is about how I view life, a little slice at a time. Now I might not make too much sense sometimes, but just roll with it and don't bother to tell me that you think I need to be on "meds" or that I sounded a little depressed in my last article. Whenever I get feedback from a column I've written, it's been a little over a week since I wrote that particular one. Most of the time, these are just thoughts that are flowing through my head at that moment.

By the time this column comes out, I will have written a column for the next week and most likely won't remember what I wrote about in this column. So don't worry, for the most part I am a happy guy and don't always sit by myself in a dark room, unless there is a cute girl from Courtney 2 floor there with me (hehehe).

D. Walsh is a Voice Columnist

Careless Thoughts

CARRIE JANIK

So at last we have a little controversy in the columns of the Campus Voice. Chris Ward has achieved quite a status with some of the actors in *The Visit* and Theater and CJ Majors. However, I am not sure that a status among the journalists of the National Inquirer and Star Magazine was what he was hoping for.

Yes, *The Visit* does star two actors that are not theater majors. I can understand some of the frustration in this. The Theater program was instituted for educational purposes and I do sympathize with the author of the letter that Chris referred to. I can see it is frustrating to get looked over for parts you would kill to have for people who aren't even Theater majors. But in the same breath, I feel participation from students of all backgrounds and majors adds depth to the productions.

Also, a lot of students who would love to go into acting after college choose a different major as a back up because of the competitiveness and instability of an acting career. It isn't an easy business and it won't be the last time that they don't agree with the casting of a play. Perhaps that is one of the best lessons to be learned here.

Although I don't agree entirely with the letter, I think that writing it was an intelligent way to get the point across that they are unhappy. Unfortunately, the columnist that backed him or her up took an intellectually well-thought-out letter and made a mockery out of it by personally attacking a hardworking and very adequate actor. Chris wasn't addressing the points in that letter; he was making fun of a person's hair and his choice of clothing.

If I were the author of that letter I would feel misrepresented and be insulted that someone took advantage of my valid points and used it to spout off personal insults in such a vapid style. That letter was an attempt to handle the matter in a mature fashion and although Chris may have gotten a few laughs (and I am not even sure of that) the issues at heart weren't addressed.

C. Janik is a Voice Columnist

Attention Faculty and Administration

On Friday October 20, the Class of 2003 will be delivering Dunkin' Donuts between 7-8 a.m.

If you are interested, fill out a form from your main office and hand it in to the secretary of your department.

Orders from "333" should be submitted to the main secretary.

Orders must be in by 5 p.m. on Oct. 18.

Questions? Call Jennifer Prin at x7626 or Heather Perreault at x7561

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

Does anybody here remember Vera Lynn? A hit about heroes this week but first an observation or two: I wonder if you're thinking what I am when they serve those miniature pizzas in the caf, I'm thinking "Would it kill you guys to toss on a f**king pepperoni or two?!" One of my suitemates said that if he sees one more guy on campus wearing three t-shirts to make himself look bigger (one of Jon Sewell's "alpha males"?) then he's going to punch you. He will, too.

Also, I'm in the Bates multi-media lab right now. I started coming here because this was one of the last labs that I could come to and still get work done in a reasonable amount of time. "Why?" you ask. If you computer lab guys noticed a sharp increase in the number of people using the little Wilson lab across from the main one, it's because that's the last lab to keep normal keyboards. The new split keyboards look real spiffy but I can't use them (because I cannot type) without my eyes hugging out sideways like a trout. Perhaps you could keep one or two old keyboards on hand for an old fellow? Am I the only one? As a matter of fact, I'm out of here.

Alright I'm back. On to heroes... These days it's fairly common to point out that some of the figures we've admired had human failings. Our Founding Fathers held slaves, Columbus lusted for gold, the pilgrims brought disease, and that sort of thing. Don't get me wrong, it's all true, it's just that I've noticed a trend in the revisionist agenda and I'd like to strike a blow for the other side. It seems that revisionists are fairly choosy about which historical figures they choose to "humanize" and I'm going to democratize the process with this week's column. Hey Saul... "took ill."

Charles Darwin. Can anyone tell me the extent of his formal scientific training? None. Does anyone know what sciences Darwin held degrees in? Bueller? Bueller? None. Charles Darwin held only a minor degree in Theology. Most of Darwin's best ideas came from a classical Greek teaching called a "Ladder of Species," which put species in order of complexity but never implied that one "became" another, and from plagiarizing a book written by his own father. "Origin of the Species" covered a lot of ground but if you've actually read it you know that the one thing he neglected to cover is ...the origin of the species. His other book is a real eye-opener, too. It's titled "Descent of Man" and in it he tells us that the different "races" of man represent various levels of human evolutionary progression, with the Australian Aborigine representing the most primitive level and the African next in line. Someday, he postulated, mankind may even progress to an evolutionary stage more advanced than the Caucasian. Don't believe me? Good, you're catching on. It's in our school library; go check it out for yourself.

So it seems that Charles Darwin's "human" side was Anglophobic racism. Whenever I see those "Darwin/fish" bumperstickers now I just laugh and wonder if the driver realizes the statement they're making to the informed.

There's another book you may wish to flex your questioning mind upon, it's called "Breeding the Thoroughbred", and it was published in the 1920's. The author advocated the forced sterilization of blacks, Jews, Southern Europeans, mental defectives, and even the relatives of mental defectives. She advocated all of this along with unrestrained sexuality among teenagers and abortion upon demand regardless of age, health, or circumstance. Actually these last two were less of a surprise than the other opinions expressed because Margaret Sanger wrote the book. Margaret Sanger was the founder of Planned Parenthood and, apparently, a racist. Well, no, the sterilization thing would add the distinctive title of "Genocidal" to that, wouldn't it? Our library carries many titles by Ms. Sanger but not this one.

Quick history lesson; what the movie "Pocohantas" failed to cover was that in real life she married an Englishman, completely renounced her native religious beliefs, became a born-again Christian, and changed her name to "Rebecca".

And now here's the Talk Soup clip of the week! "So I think we need to be very suspicious of any kind of partnerships between the Jews at that kind of level because we know that their interest primarily has to do with money and these kinds of things." - Lee Alcorn, head of the NAACP, commenting on the vice presidential bid of Sen. Joseph Lieberman.

What am I trying to say? A questioning attitude is key but there are those who will try to steer you toward what they want you to question (to advance their personal agendas) and away from things that they would rather have ignored. These people are in the media, they write for all types of magazines and they're in advertising, marketing, and the clergy. Some of them are schoolteachers, and some of them even teach here so keep your wits about you. Big up.

If you haven't registered by now it's too late and you officially suck. Over 111 people registered at the Rock the Vote coffeehouse on October 4th, and that's what it was all about. I still haven't decided whom I'll vote for. Gore says he'll uphold current abortion legislation, which I assume will include keeping late-term and partial-birth abortions legal. On the other hand I'm not nuts about Bush's "Fry ALL them suckers let God sort 'em out!" attitude either. Neither candidate seems to have the respect for human life that I would have hoped would be more of an issue this year.

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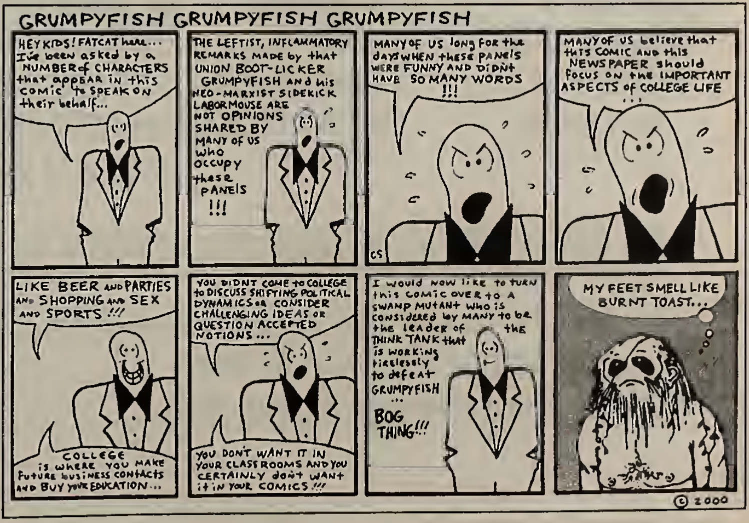
How smart could Al Gore be? He once said that he invented the Internet (not a joke) but he's apparently not making a DIME in royalties. Bush, what can I say? Most spoiled rich kids get a car... he got Texas. Nader seems cool enough but from the looks of him he died about two years ago. I keep an eye on his "aides" to see if they're trying to pull a "Weekend at Bernie's" on us. The socialist candidate spoke here on the 5th. Name one socialist country that doesn't have a national holiday to commemorate some glorious mass execution and I'll consider it. Seriously, though, if Joe Licherman were leading the Democratic ticket with Gore as VP we'd be all set; who better to cut the pork from government spending?

Steve from Dickinson said that he's spoken to a lot of campus cops and they aren't all about the Master of Tickets, either. Lack of respect from your peers must be a bitch. I also heard that he has to take the bus because he's written tickets to cops who come to campus for classes and he can't drive now without getting pulled over out of spite.

"But it was only fantasy. The wall was too high, as you can see. No matter how he tried he could not break free, and the worms ate into his brain." It's called good music, look into it.

Guess what? "Kryptonite" is on again. That's my cue, I can't take it, I'm going to strip naked, shave my head, paint myself green and run across campus yelling, "This cloud! This cloud! This cloud!" If you should see me, do me a favor and give me a beer or light me on fire. Don't warn me which one, though, surprise me. Peace and balance and I'll see you at the ballot box.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist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HEY KIDS! FATCAT here... I've been asked by a NUMBER of CHARACTERS that appear in this comic to SPEAK ON their behalf...
THE LEFTIST, INFLAMMATORY REMARKS MADE by that UNION BOOT-LICKER GRUMPYFISH and his NEO-MARXIST SIDEKICK LABORMOUSE ARE NOT OPINIONS SHARED BY MANY OF US who occupy these PANELS !!!
MANY OF US long for the days WHEN these PANELS WERE FUNNY AND DIDN'T HAVE SO MANY WORDS !!!
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MANY OF US believe that this COMIC AND this NEWSPAPER should focus ON the IMPORTANT ASPECTS of COLLEGE LIFE ...
LIKE BEER AND PARTIES AND SHOPPING AND SEX AND SPORTS !!!
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YOU DON'T WANT IT IN YOUR CLASSROOMS AND YOU CERTAINLY don't WANT it IN YOUR COMICS !!!
I would now like to turn this comic over to A SWAMP MUTANT who is considered by MANY to be the leader of the THINK TANK that is working tirelessly to defeat GRUMPYFISH ... BOG THING!!!
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Meanwhile at M.A.R.A.S.A

NICK GENGARELLY

It's official. The midnight madness basketball program that I mentioned in last week's column is going to happen. Although the date still isn't set in stone, we are aiming for the last week in October. To add to the excitement, Papa John's has informed us that they will be more than willing to co-sponsor the event with M.A.R.A.S.A.

The co-sponsorship with M.A.R.A.S.A. and Papa John's means that not only will we as a group be able to speak to a large gathering of students, but also that Papa John's will supply everyone with free pizza and drinks. The members of M.A.R.A.S.A. will speak to everyone before the game, during half time, and at the end of the program. If we are organized enough by the time we get to the end of the month, we hope to be able to give away some M.A.R.A.S.A. tee shirts to kids in the crowd, but we're not making any promises yet.

Last week I also shared the idea of the possibility of us traveling from residence hall to residence hall and talking with as many on campus students as we can. This too is being followed through with. Instead of holding our weekly meeting at 8:30 in Scanlon, we are going to congregate and venture around campus to every dorm and spend about 45 minutes speaking with the residents. If anyone has any questions or ideas please feel free to come prepared and share them with us and your fellow peers.

Another fundraising possibility we developed at the last meeting was a bottle and can drive. Again we will be visiting each dorm separately and collecting any and all bottles or cans that students have yet to throw away.

As we do with all the money we raise, donations will be made to a variety of battered women's shelters, other male groups like our own, and of course M.A.R.A.S.A. itself. Since this will be the first fundraiser we hold, we all have very high hopes for its success. So, please help us and spread the word to as many people as you can and aid us in our growth.

The last bit of information I have to share this week is the inauguration of the first class of M.A.R.A.S.A. members. Our policy is that to become an official member of M.A.R.A.S.A. you must attend three consecutive meetings. We do this to ensure the individual's interest in the cause and their loyalty to the rest of the group. Since this upcoming week will be the third official meeting, we have about six or seven students who will become members. It also lets the students feel more involved with what they are doing. If they have a goal set for them and a peak they must reach, they try harder to succeed and feel more strongly about the issues we deal with.

So if you have yet to hear the message of M.A.R.A.S.A. and think you want to get involved, come to a meeting in Scanlon any Wednesday at 8:30, or make a point of coming to see us when we visit your hall. The midnight madness is sure to be a hit around campus and to have our name associated with it is a proud moment in our group's history, so make sure you're there supporting us and the basketball team.

N. Gengarelly is a Voice Columnist

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

Two weeks ago, I had the privilege of going with MassPIRG to the Rock the Vote Conference in Boston. Students from across the state discussed methods of getting students registered to vote. Methods ranged from holding events, such as WSC's coffeehouse, to knocking on students' doors. The best part of the day was yet to come.

We participated in a massive protest outside UMASS/Boston, where the Debate would be held later. Issues ranged from the exclusion of Ralph Nader from the Debate to abortion. MassPIRG was there to protest the continued drilling for oil in Alaska. This is destroying our natural resources, including a national park, for oil that could last just six months. We would soon find out what could happen when protesting gets out of hand.

A bunch of Al Gore supporters, unaware that Gore opposes the drilling, accused us of promoting a "Bush thing." We tried to tell these men, who were drunk, that we were not there to endorse any particular candidate. .These men proceeded to surround us and chase a few female students. Luckily, we were able to run away before anyone was hurt.

This also gave us a look at the power of the media. A photographer took a picture of the drunk men surrounding us. The next day, the photo was in the Boston Globe with a caption claiming that we, MassPIRG, had clashed with Gore supporters. This was far from what actually happened.

This added quite a lot of negative emotions to the whole event. We had been working all day to figure out ways to get college students to participate in elections. Then, we peacefully protested, along with hundreds of others.

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>
> -Kevin Heaton

Along with any freedom comes responsibility. Freedom of the press is no exception. Reporters should always print the whole story, and both sides of it. The Globe could have included what else we had done that day and who had started the whole thing. We weren't there to fight with anyone or start a confrontation. Who knows what those drunk men had in mind?

I wish the Globe had been there for the Conference and for the River Cleanups WSC's chapter has done. I should also mention our support of last year's Children's Defense Act, which called for elimination of toxic chemicals in the state's schools and daycares.

The Globe didn't mention that the men were drunk, or that they began chasing female college students. They gave a fully negative impression of our group and what we had done that day.

K. Heaton is a Voice Columnist

Commuter Council Weekly Update

Hello commuters! Save room for a free lunch on Tuesday, October 17. We are sponsoring a free pizza giveaway from 11:30 to 1:30 in the Commuter Council Office (Ely 147). For those of you who don't know where that is, it is the first door on the right when you enter Ely from the Commuter parking lot. There will be FREE pizza from Pasquale's and there will be entertainment from the Guitar Dudes in the Campus Center. Please stop by and enjoy some FREE FOOD!!!

We will also hold a 50/50 raffle during the pizza giveaway. The winner will get half of the money we raise. FREE pizza and FREE money, what more could you want?!

The Commuter Council is looking for new members! We meet every Tuesday at 4:00 in the Commuter Council Office (Ely 147). We don't require anything from you, just your inputs and ideas. If you have any questions about commuting life or if you have any ideas on how to improve commuting life, stop by any of our Tuesday meetings. Joining Commuter Council is also a great way to learn what's happening on campus.

Junior Delgado from Career Services stopped by our meeting on Tuesday, October 10. He wanted to share information about what Career Services could do for commuters. The can critique resumes, help you in finding a job, and help you choose a career. Commuters are encouraged to stop by Career Services in Lammers Hall and use their services.

Tin of the Week: If you ever forget how much fun sitting in traffic can be, try to get in or out of Westfield at 5:00 at night!

-Colleen Fromm Commuter Council President

WSC Student Talks Politics

Fellow Students,

I should begin by saying that I am in no way an expert on politics but am merely concerned that our level of open dialogue on presidential issues does not reflect its importance.

Some of the presidential candidates have had their debate and people are deciding which of the two reigning idiots, Bush or Gore, best represent their views. I recently fought with some neighbors of mine who feel Bush is the better moron for the job. This is fabulous -- at least they stand for something. Another option is Gore -- a little odd, but a pro-choice democrat more closely represents my opinions. I find it questionable, however, that our choices seem so limited; I'm more intelligent at twenty than these two rich old white guys. Why should I vote for either?

My disillusionment with government is probably characteristic; I feel the government would rather ignore some poor white girl from western Mass. I recognize, however, that I'm a poor white girl that can try to vote these guys out of office. Moreover, I realize that there are presidential options beyond Bush and Gore. There is, at least, a socialist candidate to represent those frustrated by a social hierarchy dependent on racial and sexual inequalities rather than talent or ambition. Then there's Nader, the Green party candidate, who feels that environmental issues should have precedence. Of course, these men and many others were not permitted to debate due to lack of public awareness of their very existence. By introducing them to the public through mainstream politics, the limelight may be taken away from the Democrats and Republicans, and (God forbid) another party may become important if it represents the public's ideals.

Many of my friends would rather choose between Bush and Gore, morons though they be. They said they'd rather not waste votes on someone that won't win. Of course, they fail to notice that no one else has a chance if not even considered. Why are we so willing to give these men, unrepresentative of at least my views, a chance to run our country? I'd really rather not contribute to a quasi-democratic two-party system. I'll be casting my vote (via an absentee ballot) for Nader. Will anyone join me?

-A Concerned Student: Class of 2002

New Radiohead a must have

By Carmella Rossamando
Special to the Voice

In 1993, Pablo Honey broke the water for Radiohead with an indie-rock feel that included the hit entitled "Creep." Two years later, the nation was struck again with the musical genius from Radiohead with The Bends.

This album was more than just another indie album, but did not grant them as large of a success as Pablo Honey. In 1997, Radiohead did it again, but this time there was a change.

As a fan of Radiohead, I was still drawn in with their real vocal concept and their use of indie-driven tunes, but OK Computer was more than just that. It was an emotional trip with a great sense of structured chaos. They had created a new way for the listener to let go, and to bring you closer to the music at the same time. With tracks like "Paranoid Android," "Exit Music" (for a film), and "Climbing up the Walls," we immediately saw the transformation from typical to transient. Tracks like "Karma Police," and "Electioneering," brought a little hit of the old ways back and were small hits for them.

It was the most experimental album for them thus far and with their new album only days away, I was anxious to hear where their musical minds were to lead them.

The first glance at the new album was one of the most inspiring musically produced packages I had seen in quite some time, and I immediately opened the liner notes to see what was in store this time around.

Try and imagine yourself secluded in a dark room with only pictures and images around you of your most and least favorite things. Now, create the music that accompanies those images, and this is what you get: Kid A.

This album seems to have no limits or boundaries, and will take you soaring above, below, and beyond. The progression of music between OK Computer and Kid A, is such a natural one that it almost makes you wonder why it didn't happen sooner.

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-Carmella Rossamando

Ideas have been thrown around that there is yet another album on the way next spring that will be much more like Pablo Honey or The Bends. This is because Capital Records has made a deal with them of some sort to produce a more rock-oriented album. It kills me to think that this genius work they have just completed is not enough and that they must forcefully produce yet another. Although, I suppose when you have over thirty possible tracks to begin with, the creation of yet another album won't be too difficult. For those of you who are fans of their previous works, I'm sure that you wouldn't mind another album to add to your collection.

I believe that this album is just part of the series in the Radiohead anthology, with hopes of many more to come. Owning it yourself is a conscious decision that I believe is a good one.

Many may think that this is too "far out" or transient for their liking, but deep down, the electronica that they have created behind their original themes and musical ideas is one of great measure and standing and is worth more than just one listen.

Unfortunately, they are only playing two U.S. dates; one in New York City (Wednesday, October 11, 2000), and one in L.A. If you happen to catch them while they are around, you won't be disappointed; in fact, you may be a forever changed individual. Seize this album and any Radiohead album you can get your hands on, and spend some quality listening time with our friends from overseas: Radiohead.

Spin the vote at WSC

By Jessica Norden
Voice Reporter

On Tuesday, October 5, in the Ely Lab Theater, Rock The Vote week continued with the Spin The Vote dance party. The dance party featured mostly techno, house, and break dance music, supplied by DJ Chilay, DJ Echo, and DJ Anubis.

The party continued the Rock The Vote theme, encouraging students to register to vote and to fill out absentee ballots, by coming out and dancing with the music.

Carmella Rossamando, general manager of WSKB, said, "Spin The Vote is part of the Rock The Vote week, and it started off with the coffeehouse on Wednesday, October 4th." Rossamando also said, "I collaborated on this event with Eric Annarino from MassPIRG who thought that this was a good idea."

Annarino said, "We came up with the idea about three weeks ago, along with the coffeehouse and the Rock The Vote concert being held on Monday, October 9. This was to bring different people to come out and register to vote." Eric included his thoughts on voting and the activities that encouraged students to register.

"I just wanted a big event to bring people out and register to vote. Besides, it's fun." He also said, "For all the people who registered, remember that it's all about November 7, to go out and vote, because getting registered is just the first step."

The DJs also gave their input of why they came and how they hope to help. When asked how he felt about the activities to get people to register to vote, DJ Anubis said, "I'm pumped. I just want people to dance. They should also register to vote while they're here, because it's an important thing to do."

DJ Echo said, "I like to play music, have people hear it, and this type of music is becoming more popular and the voting atmosphere gives this music a more positive cause."

When he was asked why he decided to come and help out, DJ Chilay said, "Carmella spoke with me and asked if I would like to be involved in it. I thought it was a great idea and I worked with the break-dancers at the coffeehouse on Wednesday to help promote the registration as well. I think that everyone should at least register to vote, even if they don't vote, just register."

There was a lot of break dancing and people just hanging out, having fun, and dancing. One of the students, Kim Stearns, gave her explanation of why she came.

Stearns said, "I came to dance, and to experience something different. Registering to vote is important because it has to do with my future and what the outcome of it will be."

Another student, who goes by the name of M, said, "I always go to this kind of activity. It's a great idea to combine these two things together. Everybody should vote."

Everyone was just out having fun, trying to do something to help his future. One student, Aaron, was registering to vote and gave his reason for coming to the event. Aaron said, "I came for the music, and it was a great idea mixing the dance party with the registering to vote."

One of the break-dancers, Martin Lee, gave his reason for coming and why people should vote. Lee said, "I came for the music and dancing. People should support more diverse activities. It was a good idea to mix these two, because voting is important and to see it everywhere is good."

This event had a good turnout and many people registered to vote, including myself. Rock the Vote week has been a great success with the events bringing out many new voters and the Spin the Vote event added to the promotion of registering to vote.

Mentalist performs in Ely lounge

By Beth Lanoue
Voice Reporter

Magic tricks, mind games, and comedy. What better way to spend what would otherwise be a drab Sunday evening? Students who saw Jim Karol perform his routine, "The Mentalist," would agree that the show was more than worth the hour spent in Ely's upper lounge.

The audience could not help but notice the two tables of props at the front of the room. On the tables were everything usually associated with magic-several decks of cards, rope, and handcuffs, as well as some slightly more unusual props, such as two cantaloupes, a frying pan, and a stack of books. The books were written by Karol himself, entitled 50 Ways to Hustle Your Friends. Karol was handing out the books as thank-you presents to his various assistants over the course of the show. He has another book coming out called Useless Memory Skills.

The first trick involved a giant deck of cards, Spock from Star Trek, two cantaloupes, and Uranus. Intrigued? So was the audience. The end result of the trick was that the card chosen at random from the deck by Spock (a volunteer from the audience) ended up inside one of the cantaloupes. It was supposedly going to end up within the balloon being held by the audience member playing Uranus, but the transport beam wasn't working well, and it must have gotten misdirected. This was one of what turned out to be a series of silly stories and jokes throughout the show.

Karol's strongest suit in his shows, besides his incredible tricks, is his ability to keep everything funny. This attribute failed him for a brief point in the show when he led the audience to believe that he had inadvertently burned a student's $100 dollar bill. The bill was recovered, however, when Karol pulled a sealed, marked envelope out of his jacket pocket, opened it, and removed the original bill. All was fun and games until someone loses a significant amount of money.

If the card trick scene ever goes dry, Karol may have a niche in the comedy business. In between confused and bewildered gasps, the audience rarely stopped laughing. True, most of the humor was sexual innuendo, but that didn't make it any less funny.

Another game was called the lie detector test. The brave volunteer who was seated on the "lie detector" stool was faced with a choice–tell the truth or feel the force of three thousand watts of electricity in his butt. The questions that followed, both from the audience and Karol, ranged from gross to personal to ridiculous. He answered them all truthfully, even the really odd ones, and was doing fine. That is, until Karol asked "Do you ever fantasize about small animals?" With a disgusted face, the boy answered with an emphatic "No!" and was promptly zapped. He hopped off of his chair in shock and then made his way back to his seat. The audience went wild over that one. Other tricks received the same laughing response, and the volunteers were applauded for both their bravery and their willingness to be the butt of the jokes.

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-Beth Lanoue

The other aspect of the show was mind games. Karol "read" the minds of two students, but then informed the audience that mind reading is not real. What he had actually done was influence the students to think what he wanted them to. However you phrase it, this trick of his was truly amazing, especially to the two skeptics he had called up on stage for it.

Audience members were subjected to a fast-paced, always moving, mind-boggling hour of slight-of-hand and memory/mind tricks. He promised to explain some things, while others were left to their imagination. Whether you went to the show because you had nothing else to do, or because you were skeptical of the whole "magic" deal, or you were simply looking to be entertained, the show was a blast.

The overall opinion of the show was definitely a positive one. As you left the building, all you could hear was audience members raving about how much fun they had. The combination of magic and laughter ensured an interesting evening, and Jim Karol certainly provided the entertainment in full force. If the show is brought back again next year, it would be recommended that all who missed it should have attended. Even those who were tempted to skip it in favor of "The Simpson's" were glad they hadn't. And when a school-sponsored activity beats cartoons in amusement and fun, you know you have a great show.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

April Bak

JED DION
A&E EDITOR

Never say there's nothing to listen to on the radio Friday nights. Tune into April Bak Friday nights 8 to 10 p.m. Bak, a Senior majoring in Communications has attended Westfield State College all four years. She only recently got into doing a radio show, however. Bak started last semester after trying television.

"I was doing TV for a while. I just got sick of it and wanted to check out radio instead," said Bak.

"I took communication classes in high school for TV. When I discovered radio, that became my main focus because I love music. It felt more at home with me than TV did. I really wish I started as a freshman."

Hard rock bands such as Pantera and Corrosion of Conformity can be heard along with Juliana Halfield stuff and albums off the WSKB racks. Having a show on Friday has its pros and its cons, according to Bak.

"Its cool because I can blast the music in the studio and not have to worry about anyone complaining, but it's not so good because not very many people are around on Friday nights. I don't get so many calls. One time someone called up and said my show sounded good, so that was good," said Bak.

Besides spinning tunes over the WSKB air waves, Bak enjoys such hobbies as shopping for music and going to shows. Bak is also involved in Lambda Pi Eta, where she is the president, and she is in the Mass Comunications Club.

Bak has an internship lined up at a different radio station for when she gets out of school. "I'm doing an internship at 99.3 in Northampton. I want to learn more about the different kinds of jobs involved with radio besides just playing music," said Bak.

A flyer can be seen for the show hanging up around campus. The flyer has a giant donkey on it and reads "Don't be an ass, listen to April's show." It's done on bright paper so there's no way anyone will miss it.

"I try to do contests but people usually don't call. I make them as easy as I can. I'll read an announcement about a show and then ask people to call up and name the bands playing, but no one calls," said Bak.

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Joe Skahan punk/ska 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Nate Germain new 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Chris & Matt punk 8-10am		
Stephani Poole new 10-12pm	Andy Lamiea new 10-12pm	The Duck & Venus 10-12pm	Brian Harmon ska/punk 10-12pm	Steve Camera punk 10-12pm	Joe & Katie new 10-12pm	Amanda & Holly new 10-12pm
Scott Toomey 12-2pm	Brian Mazzone 12-2pm	Michelle & Jeff 12-2pm	Nathan 12-2pm	Mike Berman 12-2pm	Bob, Corey & Brenda 12-2pm	Nick 12-2pm
Matt & Justin hip-hop/80's rock 2-4pm	Jon & Jon new & retro 2-4pm	Melissa & Kelly 2-4pm	Cyclone J new 2-4pm	Kevin & Bobb new 2-4pm	Amy & Andrea 2-4pm	Mike & Jeff jazz 2-4pm
Mike Boyd punk 4-6pm	Jim Cartier new 4-6pm	Kay Saltmarsh mix 4-6pm	Dj Radio talk/music 4-6pm	Eileen2 celtic 4-6pm	Bob & Matt new 4-6pm	Music For Your Mind 4-6pm
Melissa Saporetti 6-8pm	Ska/Punk & Other Junk 6-8pm	Warhead Show w/ Jeff Carter 6-8pm	Mark Hite metal 6-8pm	Andy Clark metal 6-8pm	Mike Dion new 6-8pm	Doc B. jazz 6-8pm
Wes & Charles hip-hop 8-10pm	Mike, Chris, Laurel & Jeff 8-10pm	Smike & Kyle punk 8-10pm	Josh Thomson ska/punk 8-10pm	April Bak new/loud 8-10pm	Saturday Night Live in the Ely Campus Center. Check it out from 8-12am Prizes!	Time Warp to the 80's 8-10pm
Everyone Loves Emo 10-12am	Andy McArdle 10-12am	Shawn & Martin electronic 10-12am	Eric & Tim 10-12am	James & Mike 10-12am		Lamont Stockey hip-hop 10-12am
Tim & Amy eletronic 12-2am	Dave, Stephan & Greg 12-2am	Mike & Christian 12-2am	Kim & Katey new 12-2am	Steve Knachel 12-2am	Blake & Ryan 12-2am	Mark, Kevin & Shannon 12-2am

My Life Holds No Meaning
By: Magaly Santana

My life holds no meaning
No smile forms on my face,
Yet when I catch sight of you.
I wish to feel your embrace.

At long last a solution forms
As to what I must do,
In order for me to feel alive,
I need to be with you.

The melody of your voice,
The craving for your touch,
The longing to see you once again.
How I crave for you, so much.

To feel you caress my body and soul
As one unit and not a part
Only makes me want more for you
To have my heart.

Your presence brings excitement
As to what goals I should pursue,
But I am dead and realizing
To live, I need to be with you.

You make my life shine so bright
Making me want to smile,
But when you begin to walk away
My smile lasts for a little while.

Jeff's Cinema Scoop

JEFF CARTER

Every once in a while, a movie rumor comes down the pike that is so bizarre that you just have to laugh about it. However, this particular piece of innuendo, if it turns out to be factual, is just so incredibly, tragically, WRONG! You see, a Wonder Woman film is in development over at Warner Brothers studios with Joel Silver producing.

They've been trying in vain to get a script written, a production time set, and an actress to play the popular DC comics heroine for several years now. Recently, someone "in the know" has stepped up and reported that singer Mariah Carey has been offered the role. Let me repeat that. Mariah Carey! Dear Lord, this would be an atrocity akin to the Hiroshima bombing! Warner Brothers, if you're reading, please, PLEASE say this isn't true!

Anyway, enough of my ranting for now, let's get into this week's Scoop. The one question I get asked the most about this column is "Where do you find out about all of this stuff?" Well, I'd like to be able to tell you that I have a spy hiding out in every major Hollywood studio's boardroom, but that is not the case.

The information and rumors you read every week are compiled from various Internet web sites. Therefore, I thought I'd devote an entire column to let you all know where to go on the World Wide Web to find out all the latest Hollywood gossip. Enjoy!

The first and best Internet movie rumor site you should be checking out is Harry Knowle's "Aint it Cool? News," (www.aint-it-cool-news.com)

Knowles is a 28-year-old Austin, Texas native and in addition to putting out some of the most accurate information about every major Hollywood film in the works, he also has co-hosted Roger Ebert & The Movies twice.

Two more great sites for speculation about films is an Australian web page called "Dark Horizons," (www.darkhorizons.com), and "Corona Coming Attractions," (www.corona.bc.ca/films).

If you're not interested in rumors, you can find a wealth of factual information (cast, studio, screenwriter, reviews, costume designer, director, producer, etc.)about every film that has ever existed over at the Internet Moviedatabase (www.imdb.com) Of course, there is also a wealth of "official" web pages for films in development such as The Matrix 2, Lord of the Rings, Indiana Jones, and tons more.

You can find links to all of them at the Internet Movie Database mentioned above. I apologize for the brevity of this week's column but I'm loaded down with homework and struggling with ideas. Any suggestions for future "Cinema Scoops" are gladly accepted at jeffcart23@aol.com or by grabbing me in the Ely Lounge and pummeling me with stale Subway loaves until I report on your favorite movie.
Catch you all next week!

30 register at Rock the Vote concert

■ Concert

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slowly made their way up to the front to watch the band.

"You came to see some s*** so come see some s***," yelled Debrendis. The band launched into some new songs with a reggae vibe. The band no longer goes to Westfield State College, and this performance was some of the members' first show in the Campus Center as non-college students.

"It's weird. I'd rather be here than working though," said Matt Penza the drummer. The crowd continued to dance as Groove Selector played some new songs. Older songs like "Watch Out" and "America" made their way into the bands set list, which was made up of mostly new songs. This show also included the addition of a new keyboard player named Ben Kohn, adding a new element to the Groove Selector sound.

"They were so awesome. I was glad to get a chance to see them again, especially now that I have their CD," said Sophomore Sandra Rothenburg.

"Groove Selector was great but I was kind of mad that they stopped in the middle of my favorite song. They shouldn't do that," said Junior Mark Gallen.

The night also saw such acts as Reticence, a louder band who started at around 6:30 p.m. The band was made up of non-WSC students and featured a drummer who wore boxers and sneakers. The band played five original songs and then Erebus made their way up onto the stage. Using the same equipment, Erebus was another band who doesn't claim go to WSC. The band originated in Chicopee and played seven songs of their own and a few cover songs.

"We're really glad we played. It was a good experience for us," said Vincent Bennett, the singer of the group. The two groups brought a large group of people with them, but the crowd thinned as Erebus cleared their equipment off the stage.

WSC's own Oregon Underground set up next. Oregon Underground was made up of Jay Renslow on guitar and vocals, Martin Lee on percussion and Shaun Davis on bass. The trio had a lighter than the two bands that played before, donning acoustic guitars and bongo drums. The poppy rock style was paralleled with humorous lyrical matter, which made up the seven songs the band performed. During the band's final song, Renslow's guitar cable shorted out. The band wasn't phased by the missing guitar, and kept on playing.

"Besides our sound going out at the end, we were well received and it was a good crowd," said bassist Shaun Davis.

After a brief intermission, ska/punk band No Intention began playing, encouraging the crowd to move up and get involved in the show. The band was made up of two WSC students Josh Thomson on bass and Jed Dion on vocals and guitar and one Springfield resident Craig Rivest on drums. No Intention played six songs before they were forced to cut it short due to the lack of time for the rest of the bands. The band announced their next show would be at a local club and encouraged people to go.

"They were awesome! Thumbs up," said Sophomore Abby Turner.

"I thought the band was wicked good; too bad they couldn't have played for longer," said Freshmen Chris Faulkins. The crowd danced for most of the band's ska songs.

"It was great to play at WSC again. Any chance to play is a good one, especially for a positive cause. We got cut short, but I guess that's the way it goes when a lot of bands play in one night," said Rivest.

Following No Intention was the Bill Chapman Trio, a jazz combo that has built up some recognition by playing frequently on campus. Graduate Scott Thomas joined the band with a bongo drum. They were also joined by Groove Selector's Ben Kohn to fill in on keyboard duties.

"I had to come see the Trio as part of a requirement for a jazz class. But I really liked them and would definitely come see them again," said WSC Junior, Sarah Lewis.

My Disco Village followed the Trio with Instruments ranging from triangle to guitar, to drums and trombone. Justin Malone and Jordohn Bileau filled in the microphone duties left open by old members not in the group anymore. My Disco Village started on the WSC music scene last year and made "Rock the Vote" their first show of this year. Different from last year, however, the band played mostly instrumental songs. The band featured three guys on percussion, a horn section, guitar, and bass. Singer Justin Malone announced his own solo album that he was selling.

The crowd thinned only a little as the night went on. Some even danced for several of the groups. A group got up for My Disco Village and even more came up for WSC's own Lloyds Hill. The band had played in the Campus Center all ready at the beginning of the year. Lloyds Hill played out two cover songs and mostly original tunes. They even played a brand new song that no one had ever heard before. According to singer Bobb Burgess, the song's lyrics weren't concrete in his head yet. It was a rock song that didn't even have a title yet.

"Lloyds Hill is great. I thought they sounded much better tonight then at the Spring Concert, plus they also played my favorite song Emancipation," said Junior Mike Bhonwader.

"This was such a good show. All of the bands on campus came together to play this show and it's for a sweet cause. Too bad not as many people showed up, but in a way its expected being a Monday night and all," said Julie Fitzgerald.

"It was fun. It's a good variety of music and its good to get out of the room and hear 'some music," said Katie Mullin.

The Pilgrimage
Gary Muddiman

Seek not the approval of others,
only look to thy Nature
within the realm of the bounds
which you allow to tie thy
hands within the realm of the universe
Take not unto thyself that
which others even the ones who
do not walk among us install in us as fear
Keep thyself rather in the sphere of right and
wrong as to that thy heart and soul of thy being
shall direct O that I have walked the
paths of time these many years
without once touching upon
the knowledge that avails itself
through thought and the awaking of thy soul
Let not vaults of thy
institutions of knowledge lock thee
from the brevity of
thy learned ones who can unleash in
thee if allowed the universe
and all its wonder
Cleanse thy mind of those
who have sought to implant in
your mind that which is not of service unto thy
kind Nature and soul
Wrestle not and make turmoil
thy deed through life for it is
that darkness that will
forever withhold the light
Embrace the light of all
who may cross your path in youth
as well as age for their t
hought is useful to fill the voids and
urns as a hme well spent
Do not judge from whence
knowledge may arrive accept it
as a gift in kind as
playful as youth or the solemn
thoughtfulness of age
Reach out to the universe
that you have kept at a lengthy
distance and caress its
newness as a blooming of a flower
or the excitement of
a shooting star, or birth
If the fortune of love
should cross your path nurture it
slowly into the bosom of
your soul If it be true it shall find
its way to your heart as
well if not let its sweetness be
preserved til time shall be no more
Quill the Nature of your lust for it may be
the masked executioner of a friend or lover that
may be disregarded
with time as the urn broken as bumped
The loftiness of goals
should be discarded and only
approached from a view
that is comforting to thine own
Nature To realize that which
can be used in our circle of
life and to place that which cannot
into the vastness of the
subconscious urn that holds th nge of that nature
Let not your gender race or
anything be the guiding force of
your thought for as we
restrain our minds we hold our being
from filling this urn they call life
Thy history is important
to teach us what not to repeat Ye
let it not be a stone by which a civilization
chokes due to its
past atrocitties to human kind.

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"YES, I THINK THEY DO A VERY EFFECTIVE JOB."

GARRETT O'CONNELL
UNDECLARED
2003

"IT'S A GOOD WAY FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISIONS THAT GO ON IN OUR COLLEGE COMMUNITY"

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ELEM. EDUC./ENGLISH
2002

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RYAN LAMB
CJ
2002

"I DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST CLUE."

JONATHAN HAHN
CJ
2003

"I'M NOT VERY FAMILIAR WITH WHAT SGA ACTUALLY DOES FOR THE SCHOOL."

ERIN COTTER
PSYCH.
2002

"I THINK THAT IT IS GOOD THAT STUDENTS HAVE A ROLE IN EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON AT WSC."

LAUREN BENNETT
ART EDUC.
2003

-Compiled by Megan Meehan

Police Log from 9/25/00-10/01/00

09/25 - Annoying phone calls, Report taken, Lammers Hall
09/26 - Industrial accident, lower back pain, Wilson Hall
09/27 - Malicious destruction (Vandalism), broken window, Dickinson Hall
-Industrial accident, lacerated band, 333 Weatern Ave
-Threatening to commit a crime, threatening phone call, bookstore
-Disturbance, verbal argument, referred to Res. Life, Courtney Hall
-Medical Transport (to Noble Hospital) Head Wound, Courtney Hall
-Domestic Assault and Battery, Arrested Suspect, Scanlon Hall
09/28 -Larceny-Theft, Books Stolen, Bookstore
-Malicious Destruction (vandalism) Damage to gas tank, South Lot
-General Investigation, Using a false credit card, Public Safety
-College Policy Vinlation (alcohol) Judicial Referral, Lammers Hall
-Harassment, Harassing Comments, Lammers Hall
-College Policy Violation (drugs) Judicial Referral, Davis Hall
09/29-Disturbance, Hsrasament, Conrtney Hall
-Rape, Lammera Hall
-Suspicious Activity, Judicial Referral, Dickinson Hall
09/30-Larceny-Theft, Theft from motor vehicle, Davis Road
-Medical Transport, transported to Noble, Courtney Hall
-Check person, intoxicated person, Courtney Hall
-Disturbance, Assault and Battery, Dickinson Hall
10/01-Malicious Destruction (vandalism) Judicial referral, Courtney Hall
-College policy violation, judicial referral, Davis Hall
-911 Call (medical), transported to Noble, Scanlon Hall
-Diatnrbance, Dickinson Hall
Check Person, verbal altercation, Lammers Hall

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Open Gym Hours

Parenzo Gym
Mon. 12a-2a
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Wed. 12a-2a
Thur. 11p-1a
Fri. 8p-10p
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Soccer

-Rosters are still being accepted for both men's and women's soccer

-Want a team? Get your rosters in ASAP!

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Billiards

-Rosters are still being accepted for billiards

-Get your rosters in ASAP!

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

5-5 Basketball

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 6:30 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 233

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

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-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Water Polo

-Rosters Due Wed. Oct. 18 by 7:30 p.m.

-Mandatory Captain's Meeting on Wed. Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Ely 233

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Women's Flag Football All-Star Classic

Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 4 PM
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Faculty & Staff vs. Davis Girls

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Football Squad Rolls To Convincing Win Over Maine, 47-8

WESTFIELD - Senior quarterback John Frasco of Chicopee accounted for 194 yards of total offense and three touchdowns to lead Westfield State College to a 47-8 New England Football Conference victory over Maine Maritime Academy.

Westfield State is 2-3 overall and 2-2 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC. Maine Maritime remains winless at 0-5. It was Westfield's second straight victory after they had struggled to score points in the opening three games.

"The kids are young, but they're getting better and I'm really proud of them," said veteran coach Steve Marino. "This is not a great team on talent, but it is hardworking."

Frasco executed the offense to perfection as the Owls led 47-0 with 3:10 left in the third quarter. He completed 7 of 9 passes for 124 yards and two touchdowns, and rushed eight times for 70 yards and a touchdown.

Frasco completed a six-yard scoring pass to sophomore tight end Kevin Vaughn of Chicopee Comp with 3:51 left in the first quarter. Frasco then kicked his first of five extra points for a 7-0 Westfield lead. The TD was set up when Westfield recovered a fumble on a botched Maine Maritime punt attempt at the Mariner eight.

Frasco also threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver Matt Yvon early in the third quarter. Less than two minutes later, Frasco rambled for a beautiful 57-yard touchdown jaunt, cutting across the field and eluding numerous defenders.

"We knew we had to do a lot better than we had in the first couple of games," said Frasco. "We started to come alive after defeating Framingham (28-14)."

The Owls led 26-0 at halftime as they struck for three second-quarter scores. Junior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield (21 carries, 105 yards) rushed for touchdowns of 1 and 8 yards. Standout senior defensive end Tim Corr capped the first-half onslaught by returning an intercepted pass 22 yards for a touchdown.

Bourget's Hat Trick Leads Women's Soccer Past Salem; Owls Fall To Framingham

SALEM - Sophomore Janet Bourget of Holden (Wachusett Regional) scored all three goals to lift the Westfield State women's soccer team to a key road victory at Salem State.

The Owls are 6-6 overall and 3-0 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield is tied with Framingham State for first place in the conference; the two teams will square off in Westfield on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Bourget recorded her het trick in a 14-minute span. She put the Owls up 1-0 with 2:31 left in the first half when she found the upper left corner from 15 yards out after receiving a pass from senior midfielder Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield.

Bourget scored seven minutes into the second half when she blasted a shot into the upper half of the Salem net from 20 yards out off a feed from freshmen forward Jessica Silva. Bourget completed her hat trick less than five minutes later, with an assist going to junior midfielder Joy Flaherty.

Bourget also scored two goals in a 2-1 victory over Eastern Connecticut, which had been ranked 10th in New England entering the game. She now has a team-high nine goals.

Framingham 2 - Westfield 0

Kristine O'Coin, a 5-11 sophomore forward, scored the game-winning goal and added an assist to lead Framingham State to a 2-0 victory over Westfield State in a key Mass. State Conference women's soccer game.

Framingham improved to 10-1 overall and 4-0 in the conference. Westfield is 3-1 in the conference and 6-7 overall.

O'Coin scored 13 minutes into the game following a rebound in front of the net. She assisted on freshman Jennifer Volo's goal early in the second half.

Framingham outshot Westfield, 14-11. Westfield goalie Meghan McHale had 10 saves.

Home Games This Week

Tuesday, Oct. 17
Women's Soccer vs. Mass. College, 7:00
Volleyball vs. Amherst, 7:00
Thursday, Oct. 19
Women's Soccer vs. Plymouth State, 7:00
Saturday, Oct. 21
Mass. State Conference
Cross Country Championships, 11:00 a.m.
Field Hockey vs. Bridgewater State, 3:00

Westfield State junior Brian Church has been given the go ahead to run in this Saturday's Mass. State Conference cross country championships at Stanley Park. Church wes sidelined for the first month of the season with a knee injury. The Monson native finished eighth in the conference finals last year to help lead the Owls to their 15th title in the past 19 years. The Westfield women's team will be striving to win their fifth straight conference crown.
File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Field Hockey Team Wins Sixth Straight

The Westfield State field hockey team won its sixth straight game with a 3-1 decision over Eastern Connecticut State University.

The Owls are 8-4 overall and 5-2 in the Little East Conference. Eastern Conn. dropped to 4-12.

Renee Gahan and B.J. Dion, both freshmen forwards from Waltham, again led the Owls' scoring attack. Gahan tallied two goals and assisted on a goal by Dion. Dion (8 goals) and Gahan (7 goals) have accounted for 15 of Westfield's 27 goals this season.

Despite outshooting Eastern Connecticut, 28-1, in the game, the halftime score was 1-1.

Gahan scored the game-winning goal 3:31 into the second half on assists from juniors Mary Bishop and Sara Monahan.

Westfield 2 - Mass Darmouth 0

NORTH DARTMOUTH - The Westfield State field hockey team won its fifth straight game by blanking U-Mass Dartmouth, 2-0, in a Little East Conference matchup.

The Owls are now 7-4 overall and 4-2 in the Little East Conference. U-Mass Dartmouth is 6-7 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

Westfield scored both goals in the second half. Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham scored with 27:30 left in the game; it was her second straight game-winning goal. Junior Alison Pratt of Feeding Hills added an insurance goal with 9:40 remaining.

The Owls were outshot, 11-6. Westfield junior goalie Jill Annunciata of Waltham recorded seven saves.

Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 18
Ely 130, 7:00 p.m.

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Men's Varsity Basketball Tryouts
Oct. 21 @ 9:00 a.m.
Oct. 22 @ 10:30 a.m.
All candidates must see the athletics trainer in Parenzo Gym for a physical before Oct. 21.

Men's Soccer Beats Salem For First Win Since 1986

Senior standout Karl Labadorf scored with 12 minutes remaining to lead the Westfield State men's soccer team to a big 1-0 victory over Salem State.

It was Westfield's first victory over perennial power Salem since 1986. The Owls are 6-4 overall and 1-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Salem, which had been ranked eighth in New England entering the game, is also 6-4 and 1-1.

Labadorf's 15-yard blast in front of the net was set up by a nice pass from the left corner by senior Andrew Lewis.

Westfield was outshot, 11-9, in the evenly played match.

Westfield 10 - Framingham 1

FRAMINGHAM - Freshman Greg Viggiano of Suffield scored four goals and sophomore Chris Whalley tallied two goals and two assists to lead Westfield State to a 10-1 men's soccer victory over Framingham State.

The Owls improved to 7-4 overall and 2-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Framingham is 2-7-1 and 0-3.

The Owls erupted for three goals in 46-second span early in the game, including two goals by Whalley.

Freshman Jay Chelo of Ludlow opened the scoring at the 3:51 mark, then scored another goal midway through the first half.

Viggiano scored twice in the final seven minutes of the first half as the Owls led 7-0 at intermission.

Also recording goals in the scoring barrage were Karl Labadorf and Joe Calabrese. Senior Andrew Lewis was credited with four assists and junior Tim Cranson had three assists.

Volleyball Results

Lasell 3 - Westfield 2

Lasell College edged Westfield State, 3-2, in an exciting women's volleyball game. The game scores were: 15-8, 15-17, 15-13, 7-15, 20-18.

Westfield State rallied from a 12-8 deficit in the fifth game to take leads of 15-14 and 18-17, but couldn't close out the match.

Sophomore Katelyn Foley had 18 kills for Westfield, followed by junior Katie Simlick with 17 kills and sophomore Tasha Goulet with nine kills.

Lasell College is now 10-12. Westfield is 6-6 overall and 4-0 in the conference.

Westfield 3 - WNEC 1

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State women's volleyball team outlasted WNEC, 3-1. The game scores were: 15-9, 4-15, 15-11, 15-11.

Senior Larissa Farrell of Ashfield (Mohawk Regional) totaled 10 kills, eight digs, and seven blocks, including five solos. Sophomore Kaitlyn Foley had eight digs and three blocks.

Quarterback John Frasco runs for a first down vs. Mass Maritime Academy.

Varsity Sports Snapshots

Photos By Mickey Curtis

Sophomore David Gadouas battles a Springfield player for possession of the ball. Gadouas has played a key role in the men's soccer team's defensive scheme.

Sophomore defensive back Jason Olivari relaxes with teammates Alan Gates (left) and Aaron Ragland before a recent game. Olivari leads the team and is ranked second in the New England Football Conference in interceptions (4) and pass breakups (7).

Senior field hockey player Shannon Weaver gains controls of the ball. Looking on is teammate Julleann Flynn.

Left to right: Michelle Montvitt, Krista DiCarlo and Joy Flaherty team up to defend a direct kick.

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Try-outs:

Men's B-ball team
Oct 21- 9am
Oct 22- 10:30 am

All players must see Rich Pierce, Athletic Trainer in Parenzo for a physical before Oct. 21st!

Class of 2001 Info.
Pumpkin-grams
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"Making Schools Safe for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Students and Staff"
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Monday, October 16 at 7pm
in the Scanlon Banquet Hall

Personals

Team Huge

SKP - stickshirts and safety belts! Love, Shawn

I still have scars from when I was mauled by a bear!

Hey you, don't yell things out of the window!

Who picked my plants?

www.gotVermontcheese!! chewy cheese cheese please!

To all the hot girlz, Courtney 3 Center is where it is at!...no snobs.

Sean, don't forget to lock the door!

Rich likes to run on the roof of Davis Hall at 5 am.

"When they said brains, you thought you said trains...and you got a...got on a train...and went for a ride.." God, I miss Chris Farley.

Stringeant policies don't stop the problems, they just move the problems to a different place (where students have to drive), no worries, it's not on Res-life's hands.

Trick, I have violated you- CUFF ME!

Zach is the mack!

S.W. in 3A4 is hot!!

Who was that studd in the pleather pants at Cityview.

Freshman's All-American football prodigy, Stephen!

Sorry, Aaron, my alter-ego was talking.

Peanut- you had me in the zone! Round two?

The small kids in Lammers are just jealous! Get a Life!

Who let the dogs out? I want my dogs back.

Don't be afraid of controversy, it's what makes the world go round.

The three muskateers strike every thursday night! JJM

"We are the world" has some good memories behind it!

LK and MM are the funnel queens of WSC!

Repack- wanna cause some trouble? Love, The queen

Hook a sister up!

Katelyn F., please thank your mom for having you.

Ally in Scanlon, Patrick in 212 is my man- so don't be confused! -K.

The kid is about as bright as a burnt stick!

Emily is soooo hot...want to touch the hiny, wait, I already did!

Just because I had 10 beers by myself, doesn't mean I'm an alchoholic.

TRAM is the best band around.

The 4th floor girls of Lammers will always be the 4th floor girls.

2's company, 3's a crowd.

Nicole- sorry, your stuff is out the window next to the milk carton.

I am going to win the next Keg race! I refuse to puke.

Audrey, stop doing homework, I miss you.

Erin, can I borrow your nail clippers?

Did we get any points, guys?

Nice pants, Gill!!

We want DJ Hildo.

J- ROC needs booty, ASAP

Can I get a, "Whoa Shuttle!"

Nashville P***y can kick Guitar Wolf's butt any day.

LW, I don't get louder with every beer I drink.

Stace- you will totally look like Ann Murray in 20 years! Don't worry, we'll luv ya anyway!

VOTE GORE

Who made the clever lawn ornament donation to Courtney Hall?

I love Tracy!

Kay, Kay, Kay took my baby away!

D- thanks I needed that! I feel like a new woman!

Why is the library closed on Columbus day? I drove here with a hangover, and now I am just going to keep drinking.

It's not polite to stare at people in the 5th floor lounge.

The warhead show really needs improvement.

Frea spelin leson fo Voiz Staph. Cal x 9911.

Take it easy!!!

I think Sweat stuffed his pleather pants. I triple -dog dare you.

Garette, how's your rash?

If you love your girlfriend, you should only be with her.

If they can't get a raise now, what happens during a recession?

I wish I were part of the 3rd floor Courtney! I miss my girls

Kim's born again on Monday, 10/09/00.

Roses are red, violets are blue. Taco Bell makes it hurt when I poo.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

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Ok boys and girls, I want all of you to make up some comics for the next issue of the Campus Voice, but be sure they make sense. Other than that, I want you to keep on reading my comics.

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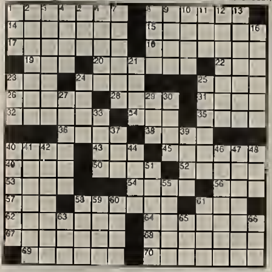

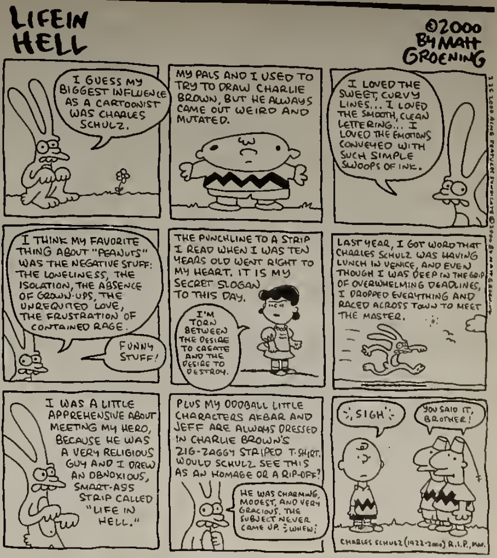
LIFE IN HELL
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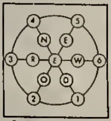
I GUESS MY BIGGEST INFLUENCE AS A CARTOONIST WAS CHARLES SCHULZ.
MY PALS AND I USED TO TRY TO DRAW CHARLIE BROWN, BUT HE ALWAYS CAME OUT WEIRD AND MUTATED.
I LOVED THE SWEET, CURVY LINES... I LOVED THE SMOOTH, CLEAN LETTERING... I LOVED THE EMOTIONS CONVEYED WITH SUCH SIMPLE SWOOPS OF INK.
I THINK MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT "PEANUTS" WAS THE NEGATIVE STUFF: THE LONELINESS, THE ISOLATION, THE ABSENCE OF GROWN-UPS, THE UNREQUITED LOVE, THE FRUSTRATION OF CONTAINED RAGE.
FUNNY STUFF!
THE PUNCHLINE TO A STRIP I READ WHEN I WAS TEN YEARS OLD WENT RIGHT TO MY HEART. IT IS MY SECRET SLOGAN TO THIS DAY.
I'M TORN BETWEEN THE DESIRE TO CREATE AND THE DESIRE TO DESTROY.
LAST YEAR, I GOT WORD THAT CHARLES SCHULZ WAS HAVING LUNCH IN VENICE, AND EVEN THOUGH I WAS DEEP IN THE GRIP OF OVERWHELMING DEADLINES, I DROPPED EVERYTHING AND RACED ACROSS TOWN TO MEET THE MASTER.
I WAS A LITTLE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT MEETING MY HERO, BECAUSE HE WAS A VERY RELIGIOUS GUY AND I DREW AN OBNOXIOUS, SMART-ASS STRIP CALLED "LIFE IN HELL."
PLUS MY ODDBALL LITTLE CHARACTERS AKBAR AND JEFF ARE ALWAYS DRESSED IN CHARLIE BROWN'S ZIG-ZAGGY STRIPED T-SHIRT. WOULD SCHULZ SEE THIS AS AN HOMAGE OR A RIP-OFF?
HE WAS CHARMING, MODEST, AND VERY GRACIOUS. THE SUBJECT NEVER CAME UP. ;WHEW;
;SIGH;
YOU SAID IT, BROTHER!
CHARLES SCHULZ (1922-2000) R.I.P., MAN.

BIRD CALL! Object of this exercise is to insert the name of a certain bird in consecutively numbered circles of the diagram at right so that six three-letter words are formed reading from outside to center (ending in e).

Possibilities among birds that have six-letter names are the following: Thrush, phoebe, pigeon, grouse, oriole, cuckoo, magpie and shrike. But just one of these fits in.

Which one?



Oriole will do it, forming words ode, roe, ire, orle, lee, ewe.

SAYS WHO! Connect consecutive letters to find first names of speakers (either male or female): 1. "I'll be back at eight." 2. "We test every item." 3. "An owl is a wise bird." 4. "Pa, blow out the candles."

1 Kate. 2. Steve 3. Lisa 4. Pablo.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

The Parable of the Camel

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."
— Matthew 20

That quotation comes from yet another of the parables of Jesus, this one delivered in Judea, where Jesus was approached by a man whom He advised to keep the commandments and the young man answered that he had. "I have kept all these," he said. "Where do I still fall short?" Jesus said to him, "If you wish to go the whole way, go, sell your possessions, and give to the poor, and then you will have riches in heaven; and come, follow me." It was at this point that the young man turned and left with a heavy heart, for he was a rich man who did not care to part with his wealth. Jesus told His disciples, "I tell you this: a rich man will find it hard to enter the kingdom of Heaven." The disciples were amazed and wondered how one could attain salvation. "For men this is impossible," said Jesus. "But everything is possible for God."

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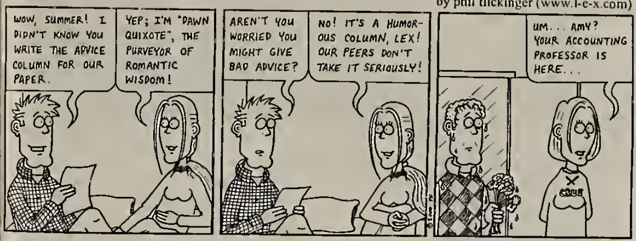
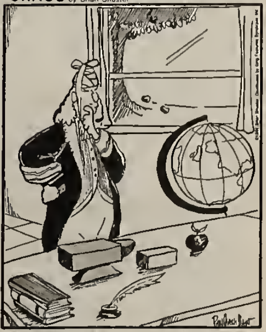
by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)


WOW, SUMMER! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WRITE THE ADVICE COLUMN FOR OUR PAPER.
YEP; I'M "DAWN QUIXOTE", THE PURVEYOR OF ROMANTIC WISDOM!
AREN'T YOU WORRIED YOU MIGHT GIVE BAD ADVICE?
NO! IT'S A HUMOROUS COLUMN, LEX! OUR PEERS DON'T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!
UM... AMY? YOUR ACCOUNTING PROFESSOR IS HERE...

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



After the fiasco with the lead weights, Sir Isaac Newton finally chose to test gravity with the apple

Living above a trash dumpster... at 6:00 AM
The Rock
7:00 AM- Tractor comes to get trash...
GRIND! GRIND!
CLANG! CLANG!
BEEP! BEEP!
EH! EH!
Crash! Crash!
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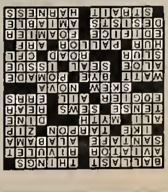

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 10/16	4:00 p.m.	ServSafe "Responsible Alcohol Service Workshop"	Ely 130
	4:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	7:00 p.m.	Student Forum "333"	Wilson Auditorium A&B
	7:00 p.m.	Lecture "Warren Blumenfeld"	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Being John Malkovich" and "Pitch Black"	Channels 56&57
Tue 10/17	11:30 a.m.	Commuter Pizza Luncheon w/Guitar Dudes	Ely Main Lounge
	3:00 p.m.	Lecture "Driving w/Beer Goggles" w/Tony Casciano	Courtney Living Room
	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Mass College	Athletic Field
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Amherst College	Parenzo Gym
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Green Mile" and "Urban Legends"	Channels 56&57
Wed 10/18	3:30 p.m.	Mid-week Musicale "Trumpet Musicale"	Dever Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Email: wsc_gsa_1@hotmail.com
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Program" and "The Talented Mr. Ripley"	Channels 56&57
Thur 10/19	4:00 p.m.	How to help a friend who drinks too much w/Suzanna Adams	Scanlon Living Room
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:00 p.m.	Bill Ross presents "Last Call"	Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Plymouth State	Athletic Field
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Hurricane" and "Scream 3"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 10/20	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Rules of Engagement" and "The Skulls"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Video	Ely Lower Lounge
Sat 10/21	TBA	Men & Women's Cross-Country State Championships	Stanley Park
	3:00 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Bridgewater State	Athletic Field
	7:30 p.m.	Ice Hockey vs. Boston Blackhawks	Amelia Park Ice Arena, Westfield
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Rules of Engagement" and "The Skulls"	Channels 56&57
Sun 10/22	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Rules of Engagement" and "The Skulls"	Channels 56&57

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Public Safety crime report cites alcohol as most common violation

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

398 liquor violations occurred in 1999 making it the most common violation on campus, as reported in the recently released Public Safety Crime Report. The report includes information on Westfield State College policies and statistics concerning multiple crimes on campus and the surrounding area.

-File Photo

Chief Paul Scannell

Sue Lamontagne, a Director of Student Affairs, said that the number of alcohol violations in 1999 is rather high due to a federal law requiring the school to include more information in this reported number than in previous years.

Lamontagne said in 1997 there were approximately 248 liquor violations and approximately 171 in 1998. "In the statistics given to Public Safety, we had to report everything for the year of 1999- warnings, formal sanctions, and non-students who violated the policy," she said. "Prior to last year, this was not required, which explains the lower numbers."

Part of the problem with the statistics in the report is how people interpret them Lamontagne said. She said that although people can look at the number of liquor violations and assume WSC is a party school, she feels that the best way to look at it is that WSC is a school that enforces its rules well.

Lamontagne said that as of now, there have been approximately 150 liquor violations for the year 2000. "To date, we've had a pretty good year," she said, referring to the fact

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Former CJ Prof. files grievance claiming peer evaluations invalid

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

A former Professor of Criminal Justice at Westfield State College has filed a series of grievances with the Faculty Union claiming, among other things, that some members of the department that were on his peer evaluation committee incorrectly criticized his teaching.

Professor Jim Ruiz, who now teaches at a Pennsylvania University, left the college this summer after his peer evaluation committee and department chair recommended not to re-appoint him. His grievance has prompted some of his peers to discredit him, some to defend him, and some students to support him.

The Grievances

The grievances that were filed and given to the Campus Voice by Ruiz describe the various claims he made toward members of the Criminal Justice Department. According Ruiz's first grievance, in 1999 the peer evaluation committee used "arbitrary and capricious judgement, had procedural flaws and was incorrect, invalid or used irrelevant statements."

This picture of former CJ Prof. Jim Ruiz, a retired police officer from New Orleans, was obtained from the 1999 college viewbook.

The second grievance said that the evaluation made by the department chair in 1999 was "arbitrary and capricious, and extended the review period outside the work year." The last grievance said that there were "unfair practices taking place, and that there was a possible ethnic bias and a hostile, intimidating work and academic environment."

The Peer Evaluations

Professor Victor Ascolilln, Professor Bruce Carroll, and

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College webmaster offers to set up a website for SGA

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

The Student Government Association met this past Tuesday evening to talk about different things that will be occurring on campus. Mandy Miranda, president of the SGA, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Miranda also welcomed Jennifer Swartz, Westfield State College's webmaster. Swartz said that she wants to set up a web site for the SGA "as well as sites for all classes." Swartz said, "We do not want these sites to be boring." She would greatly appreciate feedback as well as ideas.

Jocelyn Gregory, class of 2001 president, asked if there can be a way to "mass e-mail messages to be able to reach our whole class." Swartz said that the school has recently bought a program to make e-mail lists and hopefully the senior class can be used as a "guinea pig" to see how well it works.

Shalimar Colon, SGA student

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Fourth annual Halloween Masquerade is planned by classes of 2001 and 2003

By Jackie Stutervant
Voice Reporter

The fourth annual Halloween Masquerade is being organized by the classes of 2001 and 2003. On Thursday, October 26, 2000, the dance will take place in the Scanlon Banquet Hall from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. The cost of this event is $5 with a canned good or $7 without one.

Tickets are on sale at the teller window and will be sold at the door. The DJ for this occasion will be Club T.

The Halloween Masquerade is, according to Barbara Hand, secretary of SGA, one of Westfield State College's most successful non-alcoholic events. Many are expected to attend this event; in past years around 800 people have made a showing.

Jocelyn Gregory, President of Class '01 and co-planner of the Masquerade said, "I think that it's always been a well-attended event, and it should be even bigger this year," said Gregory. Hand also said it "will continue to be a great event."

"Freshman year [1997], there weren't that many people...but that was because it [the Masquerade] was new. It's the fourth year now...it will definitely be bigger," Gregory.

The Class of 2001 and 2003 have joined forces to make this Masquerade perhaps WSC's biggest one yet. "When we [the Class of 2001] leaves, we'll pass it [the Masquerade] on to our sister class," Gregory said.

-File Photo

Students dancing at the first annual Halloween Masquerade in 1997.

Each of the two classes is taking care of the planning for

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333 forum to discuss 'issues' was attended by few

By Brian Burke
Voice Reporter

A student forum on 333 Western Ave. was held last Monday with Michelle Mattie, director of the Student Service Center, and Vice President Jackson of Student Affairs, as the hosts.

Shalimar Colnn, the Student Government Association trustee, directed questions to the hosts and brought general issues as well. The audience consisted of ten to fifteen students. President Woodward arrived thirty minutes into the forum and took the place of V.P. Jackson, who had a meeting to attend.

Colon said at the beginning of the forum that the reason SGA organized the forums was to get student's opinions about important issues on campus. Michelle Mattie said of the SSC, "Our goal is to enhance student services to students that want everything at their fingertips."

The first topic addressed was the problem concerning the times that the bus comes to pick up students to go to class at 333. SGA

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Voice of the Week

Mary the lunch lady graces the pages of the Campus Voice in this week's Voice of the Week.

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Nation

Find out what some of the emotional consequences of the abortion pill are.

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The Guitar Dudes play often in the Campus Center. Voice reporter Krislen Croleau calches them in action.

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One faculty members voices his opinion on President Woodward's raise. See if he is for or against it.

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-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Students participated in Public Safety's "Beer Goggles" program last week.

WSC rated "5th safest college"

■ Crime

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that these are fairly low numbers so far.

Vice President Jackson also commented on the number of liquor violations on campus. He said that if the number of students who have violated the policies is down this year, it may be due to a number of factors. He said that the lower number may be since it is still the beginning of the year, and many violations get reported further into the winter.

Jackson also said that the number of violations written in the recently publicized Public Safety Crime Report may be down because students are more knowledgeable about the rules and regulations. "Students are doing better controlling their behavior," Jackson said. "The students are also policing their own environment."

Chief Scannell, the Director of Public Safety, agreed with VP Jackson saying that we have sensible students at WSC. "I always tell students to take ownership of their campus," he said.

Jackson also said that the current policy of giving students 5-5-50's (5 weekends off campus, 5 hours of community service, and a $50 dollar fine) for alcohol violations, is very effective. He said that the 5-5-50's have prevented repeat offenders.

The Public Safety report on crime also included statistics concerning rape and sexual assaults, arson, burglary, and crime reports on public property adjacent to the campus. Public Safety reported that 3 foreible rapes and 0 sexual assaults occurred in 1999, 2 rapes and 1 sexual assault in 1998, and 2 rapes and 3 sexual assaults in 1997.

Chief Scannell said these are the numbers reported but nationwide rape is the most underreported crimé. He said that the occurrences of rape were mainly acquaintance rapes. "In acquaintance rape the person committing the crime has pretty easy access to the woman," he said. "In most cases, alcohol was involved."

The report stated 6 cases of arson occurred on campus in 1999, while none were reported in 1998 and 1997. Chief Scannell said that these cases of arson were due to the situation in Dickinson Hall two years ago and that the person responsible for those fires has since been arrested and left campus. He said that there have been no arson cases yet this year.

The Public Safety crime report also stated that burglary had gone down in the past few years. The report stated that 11 burglaries were reported in 1999, but 26 were reported in 1998 and 24 in 1997. Chief Scannell said that most burglary situations occurred when a student left his or her room unlocked. He said that he urges students to lock their rooms whenever they leave.

Public Safety's report on crime statistics also stated that there were no reports of any criminal offenses on public property adjacent to the campus. He said that public property is just the sidewalks and streets around the campus, which isn't much. "Here we don't have a lot of public places nearby for a crime to happen, as compared to a school in the city," he said.

> **"Students are doing better controlling their behavior...The students are also policing their own environment."**
>
> -VP Jackson

Vice President Jackson said he felt positive about the crime statistics. "I think our statistics are fairly low considered to other state colleges," Jackson said. He said that WSC was also rated 5th in Massachusetts for safest colleges.

Jackson said that he is satisfied with the current policies that the Public Safety report included descriptions of, along with others. "I think the students and faculty are satisfied with the policies," he said. He also said that he and others are continuously looking at policies and changes will be made if needed, but nothing major is foreseen in the future.

Chief Scannell said that he was also pleased with the report. "I've seen big increases in the quality of life around here for students," he said. He said that there has been less vandalism and it's safer on weekends. "We're always working to try to get the numbers down," he said.

Scannell also said that it is important for people to continue to be responsible for their behavior, especially concerning drugs and alcohol. "We've really got to have the student body looking out for themselves and their friends," he said. He also said that students must be responsible for their guests. "Some crime is attributed to non-students that come and visit other people," he said.

Public Safety is required to release the report on crime statistics in accordance to a federal law, called the Jeanne Cleary Disclosure Act. "This law came about as a result of a family who wanted students and potential students to know how safe a school was," said Lamontagne. She said that in 1986, Jeanne Cleary, a college student at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, was raped and murdered. She said that as a result of what happened to their daughter, the Cleary family lobbied for a law that would require colleges and universities to report their safety statistics for the public to know.

The law was originally passed in 1990 and was recently revised to include more information, Lamontagne said. "The intentions of the original law were just and good," she said. Decisions were made though, she said, that the law wasn't enough since it didn't include enough information concerning drinking on campus. Lamontagne said that this information is important to include since drinking often leads to crime.

For those interested in accessing the campus crime report compiled by Public Safety, they can go to WSC's homepage at www.wsc.ma.edu.

From the Editor's Desk

"Every child in America entering school at the age of five is mentally ill,
because he goes to school with certain allegiances toward our founding
fathers, toward our elected officials, toward his parents,
toward a belief in the supernatural being,
toward the sovereignty of this nation as a separate entity.
It is up to you teachers to make all of these sick children well
by creating the international children of the future."
-Harvard Professor of Education and Psychiatry, 1984

2,756: The number of students dropping out of school each day in America. Two to three times as many people enroll in college than other industrialized countries, and of these students, 25% will receive a bachelors degree, the highest percentage in the world. Depending on where you get your statistics from, you will get a different interpretation of the competitiveness of American students when compared to other countries. Thus, depending on whom you talk to, you will get a different opinion as to the success of public education in America. No matter which perspective you see from, or maybe you are somewhere in the middle, make no mistake about it, public education in America is under attack.

Not only is there a demand that public education be improved, many are aiming for it to be disbanded. You may have noticed signs on your professor's office doors stating: "Attacking state colleges is class warfare." This is not far from the truth, but perhaps it should read: "Attacking public education in America is class warfare."

Some people, mainly the wealthy republican conservative right, hunger to eventually privatize all social decisions including education. People like Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci are participating in a full frontal attack on America's public education system. This began over two hundred years ago when the Industrial Revolution began the process of educational centralization, which made it one of the largest government controlled institutions. According to Amy Anderson's report "At Issue: Improving the Perception of Public Education," the negative perceptions of public schools are so entrenched in the American psyche due to the fact that American's hold such a deep cynicism toward anything controlled by the government.

Politicians, mainly Republicans like Cellucci, in collaboration with others in the same school of thought, intend to systematically dismantle public education as we, the public, know it. Cellucci grew up wealthy and went to a private school, and his children will most likely do the same. He believes the propagandized facts that America lags behind other industrial country's technology despite the fact that 40% of all research articles in the world are published by American authors and the United States leads the world in Nobel Prize winners. An example of misleading information lies in the fact that American students don't fare well on international tests, especially compared with Asian students. But it is not publicized that their elementary and secondary students attend after school programs known as "cram schools," which run until 10:00 p.m.; they also attend school on Sunday and begin studying for college at age four. Gerald Bracey comments that for a few percentage points on a politician's standardized test, many Korean and Japanese children are denied the natural joys of their youth.

Another important issue to consider is money. Does America adequately invest in education? Our we truly investing in the so called "future leaders" of this country? Our Asian counterpart's parents spend from 20 to 30 percent of their incomes on those "cram schools." It is not widely known that in most American states, school funding depends upon the real estate values within the community; consequently, schools in wealthier communities may receive up to twice as much funding in order to educate their students than poorer communities. Anderson states that this is one of root causes of the difference in the quality in the public school system. It was reported in 1995 that 13 of 16 nations spent a higher percent of per capita income on primary and secondary education that the United States. Much of the increases in funding towards education have been spent merely to keep up with inflation. Politicians such as Al Gore and George W. Bush pledge to improve the educational system, but do you believe they will actually adequately fund public schools in America? Not unless there is considerable pressure from the public. At this time there is a call for improvement but not for the money necessary to back up this proposal. Why would we be willing to put more tax dollars into education when there are other, cheaper, solutions such as blaming the teachers?

If students are not learning, and we're not sure if they really are or not because the statistics are so biased, it is considered the fault of the educators and the educator training institutions. In Anderson's essay, she cites a survey of school personnel by the Horance Mann League. It listed the top ten factors that are most detrimental to the success of public schools: "The number one factor was, the negative perceptions about public educators."

As you may see, the problems with the teacher contract negotiations are not unique to Westfield State College, to state colleges, or just to Massachusetts. This is a class issue, or "class warfare," whichever you prefer, and it stems to the core of our country between those who believe in the "every man for himself"

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Some 333 questions answered at open forum

■ 333 Forum

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president Mandy Miranda explained a concern she has. She said she has a class at 333 from 8:30 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. and her next class is at 9:30 a.m. on the main campus. The bus doesn't come until 9:30 a.m. Henceforth, she is always late for her 9:30 a.m. class.

In regards to this problem, V.P. Jackson said, "There will be a different schedule and new bus routes. By next fall, the problem will be resolved."

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Michelle Mattie answered the few students' questions about 333 Western Ave.

Miranda also noted the fact that certain professors aren't sympathetic with students' difficulties when it comes to getting to class on time from 333 Western Ave. Jackson said that faculty members have been addressed on this issue and should be aware of the problem.

When Mattie was asked about the problems and delays involved with the registrar's office she said, "We have been understaffed since last June because of health and death issues with our employees."

Jackson explained why 333 was purchased in the first place. He said that they needed more room for offices for faculty, criminal justice classes, and other programs that are coming in the future.

The parking issue was addressed next. One commuter student posed the problem of limited parking at 333. Jackson explained that it was in the contract that the school could not build on the green space in the front of the building. He also said that the area of trees and bushes to the left of the building are reserved for future offices. Jackson said, "Eventually there will be offices from here to 333." Jackson also noted that when the building was being constructed that just to repave the existing parking lot cost the school fifty to seventy thousand dollars, and to put in a new section of spots would cost about one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. President Woodward said, "There will be changes in the near future."

When confronted with the issues, Woodward assured that, in the winter, there will be 2 or 3 booths to wait in for the bus. He also claimed that a crosswalk or "pedestrian crossing" sign would be put in place on the street in front of 333.

Michelle Mattie made a statement about the registrar's office and the problems that have been occurring with financial aid. She said, "We're doing this for you. Be patient."

In closing, Woodward said, "Thank you to the SGA for putting on these forums. Even though there weren't a lot of people, the people who were here learned a lot."

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ideal and those who believe it is the responsibility of our country to adequately instruct the youth of this country. Since the majority of us were born into, and will die within, the same social class, it is important for us to demand the special interest politicians, who decide where our tax money goes, that projects like preparing our children for a successful and fulfilling life are more important than projects like the Big Dig. We should demand that the public school systems in our state and country be capable of funding smaller class sizes, more instructional resources, improved facilities, and more teachers with higher pay.

Anderson states, "No institution can endure and survive while under constant attack over a sustained period of time. Unless it can defend itself adequately, this institution [public education], created over 200 years ago, to preserve and protect democracy, may be lost."

Still not convinced that these issues concern you? Stay tuned for more...

RJ Burgess III

All students encouraged to speak at SGA but must be recognized

■ SGA

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trustee, said that the student forum on "333" "served its purpose well, even though it was not well attended." Colon also said, "I'm planning to change the location of the next forums" to make it more of a forum setting, rather than a panelist conversation.

Maggie Smith, SGA vice-president of programming, said, "We had a meeting with karaoke DJ "Doctor Don." Smith said that the "Say What WSC Karaoke Contest" is "going to be quite a show." Sign-up sheets will be located in resident halls and the auditions will be on November 6. Also at the event there will be a 50/50 raffle where admission money will be split with a winner. Smith said, "If we sell out Dever Auditorium it could be over $200."

Jenn Prior of the sophomore class announced the fourth annual Halloween Masquerade prizes. The prizes are Blue Man Group tickets for the Best costume, Boston Bruins tickets for the second place winner, a $50 gift certificate to Kahunaville for the best couple costume, and a Holyoke Mall gift certificate for the best group costume. Prior said, "You do not need to wear a costume to go," but that's the fun of Halloween.

The big news of the evening, at least to onlookers, was a clarification of last week's incidents at the SGA. Last week at the SGA meeting, a non-board member interjected his opinion into the conversation. One of the executive board members stated that only members of the floor could ask questions or add comments.

This week, SGA parliamentarian Bill Dunbar said that anyone can talk at SGA meetings, but they need to be properly recognized by the floor. Dunbar stated, "Any student who talks without being recognized [by the executive board] is considered to be out of order." Miranda said, "You should feel free to ask questions. That is what [the SGA} is for." Dunbar said that in order to be recognized by the board, you must raise your hand and wait until you are called upon.

The meeting ended by closing the door. Anyone that was in the room that is not a member of the board was asked to vacate the room.

Voice of The Week

Mary Murphy

POSITION AT WSC: "LUNCH LADY"

HOMETOWN: WESTFIELD, MA

FAMILY: 1 DAUGHTER, 2 GRANDCHILDREN, 7 STEP-GRANDCHILDREN, BEAGLE

YEAR AT WSC: 7

HOBBIES: GARDENING, PLAYING CARDS

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: LOVE THE STUDENTS, JOKING AROUND WITH THEM, GIVING THEM A HARD TIME

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: LAZY PEOPLE

PERSON SHE WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: OPRAH WINFREY

BEST DAY OF HER LIFE: GETTING MARRIED TO HER SECOND HUSBAND, HAVING GRANDCHILDREN

FAVORITE FOOD: ITALIAN

KIND OF CAR: '81 BLUE BUICK

FAVORITE AUTHOR: DANIELLE STEELE

FAVORITE TV SHOWS: EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND

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CJ Prof. claims dept. was a hostile work environment

■ **Ruiz**

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Professor William Cook [all of the Criminal Justice Department] were the three professors that made up Ruiz's third annual peer evaluation committee, according to many documents given to The Campus Voice by Ruiz. The committee came to a 2 to 1 vote not to re-appoint Ruiz as a professor at WSC according to the documents given to the Campus Voice by Ruiz..

Ruiz claims that 2 out of the 3 evaluations were fabricated in an attempt to con the administration into believing that he was an unfit teacher. "Professors Ascolillo and Carroll had decided my fate long before the deliberations began and they have lied and attempted to deceive the administration of the college regarding my suitability for re-appointment," said Ruiz.

Carroll denied this accusation. "I find no evidence of bias on the Peer Evaluation Committee," said Carroll.

In a letter written to Senior Vice-President William Lopes, Cook said that another member of the peer evaluation committee had not written anything on his evaluation form and that he was ready to vote with the majority of the committee.

Cook said, "Although I had completed the observation forms for all of the candidates prior to the meeting, I noted that only one of my colleagues on the committee had bothered to reduce his observations of Professor Ruiz's classes to a written form. The other member of the committee had not written up an observation reports; in fact, as he waved the blank form for Mr. Ruiz, he suggested that he would complete it in accordance with the committee's consensus about him."

Carroll denied this accusation by saying that there was no accuracy to Cook's remark. "I would respond to the accusation that my peer evaluation form was invalid and that I filled it out when I saw what others wanted me to fill out as absolutely false," said Carroll.

In the peer evaluations filled out by Ascolillo, he said that the class was disorganized and that it seemed more like a training session. "The class lacked focus and organization…the class discussion jumped from one topic to another throughout the class…It seemed better suited to a police training academy than an upper level college course...there was tedious discussion, no need to take notes," said Ascolillo.

In response, Ruiz said, "Professor Ascolillo criticized the class as one that lacked focus and organization, that the discussion rambled, and it was hard to discern a central theme just to name a few. The criticisms raised are a product of his failing to discuss with me before the class the matter to be covered, his lack of knowledge of the content of the journal article as well as his obvious lack of knowledge of the Socratic method of teaching."

Carroll's peer evaluations said that he observed students sleeping and that it did not seem like they were all there. "In a class with compulsory attendance, less than half the class were there, at least in body…simultaneously, the attending majority seemed to have no interest in the subject…No notes were being taken, while two of the students seemed to have found a place for late-morning naps...something was wrong," said Carroll.

In response to Carroll's evaluation, Ruiz said that Carroll was unaware of the attendance enrollment of his class, and that the students not being interested in his class seemed highly unlikely for the classes that he taught.

"At the time of Professor Carroll's visit, there were 17 students enrolled in one of the classes, and 22 in the other. Using Professor Carroll's words "less than half of the class were there" that would mean that eight or less students would have been present in one class and 10 or less in the other. This is a blatant lie. Consulting my attendance record for that day, only one student was absent in the class of 17, and none were absent in the other class. The depiction that the attending minority appeared to have no interest in the subject is highly uncharacteristic of my classes as can be attested to by all the reviewers in the past two years and that of Professor Cook's evaluation for this year. This is another blatant lie," said Ruiz.

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>
> -Jim Ruiz

"I found it curious that Professor Carroll could even consider writing a review on either of my Introduction to Criminal Justice classes in light of the fact that he has never been in either of them. I was advised that Professor Carroll made the statement that he stood in the hallway and listened to the class. If in fact he did stand in the hallway and listen to the class, he would have been greeted with "virtual silence" because I was administering a test to both of the Intro. Classes on the date he claims he observed. So, if Professor Carroll was there, he would have been listening to a class taking a test through a closed door," said Ruiz.

In response, Carroll replied, "That accusation is absolutely untrue."

Cook's peer evaluation described Ruiz as a good professor, adding that his students seemed interested in the topic of discussion.

"Students were actively engaged in discussing the issue of gratuities by police. Professor Ruiz led the class to see the issue in terms of the larger issue of police professionalism. Students enjoyed the class and they were obviously challenged by it. Professor Ruiz is a fine teacher…He encouraged student participation, and created a learning environment that was exceptional. It was a dynamic and enjoyable class," said Cook.

The Department Chair

Professor John Jones, chair of the CJ Department, was the next step in the re-evaluation process. According to the documents given to The Campus Voice by Ruiz, after he received the recommendation from the peer evaluation committee, Jones wrote a letter of recommendation for non-reappointment of Ruiz to Lopes.

Jones refused to comment. "I am in no position to comment at this time," said Jones.

Student Letters

Along with Cook, Ruiz had asked his students to write letters to Lopes regarding the peer evaluations that he claimed were false. The students' letters [there were over 30 of them in the documents that Ruiz gave the Campus Voice] all said positive things about Ruiz's teaching methods and that the peer evaluations were untrue.

Professor Kimberly Tobin, Professor of Criminal Justice, said she was concerned that the letters were asked to be written and a copy given to Ruiz before the grading period. "I think that the letters of the students could be biased because he asked for copies of them before he finished his grades for the class," said Tobin.

Michael Rapoza, a student of Ruiz's, said that his grade was unaffected by the letter he wrote. "I didn't have him the semester that I wrote that letter. I had him the semester before. I completely stand by anything I wrote," said Rapoza.

In his letter, Rapoza said that he thought Ruiz's classes were full of energy. "I have never noticed there being a lack of discussion in class. He uses up-to-date news articles, dealing with various criminal justice system situations, to relate to our class readings. His presentations were always full of energy and well-planned. He seemed to have a certain point to get across every class," said Rapoza.

"These evaluations were false. Professor Ruiz is a great professor, friend and man that WSC should not let go of. Looking at these evaluations is mouth dropping, most were unjust and completely inaccurate. I have to wonder if we are even speaking of the same professor," said Nicholas Howie, another student.

"I must disagree," said Francis Henderson, a student, "with the portrait painted of his classroom demeanor. It seems that he holds the class captive for the entire period." As for the suggestion that students were forced to listen to the lecture, Henderson said, "Nothing could be further from the truth."

-File Photo

CJ Professor Bruce Carroll was on Ruiz's peer evaluation committee.

"Some of the other professors in the CJ Department have called Jim Ruiz and his teaching methods unorthedox. When those professors' teaching methods are outdated, of course Professor Ruiz's methods would be unusual," said William Dunbar a student.

"I say that if we lose professor Ruiz as a CJ teacher, it would not be saying much for the CJ department of WSC. Maybe two of the members of the peer evaluation committee don't like Ruiz's teaching style, but I don't think that it is very ethical to lie about what you see," said Steve Somers, student.

Eliza Matthews, a student said, "I have learned more in his class than any other classes taught in the CJ Department. It is a shame that the administration have their heads so far up their rears that they can't see that."

Ascillio was asked how he would respond to these letters, and he replied, "I was not aware of any student letters."

Lopes' Decision

Lopes said that the Ruiz matter is very confusing. "The whole matter is complicated. The committee and the chair recommended him for non-reappointment, but once it got to me I did not send it on to President Woodward or the board of trustees. I stopped the process right there and did not send a recommendation. He could have come back for another year and applied for tenure again after that year," said Lopes.

The student letters sent to Lopes were not a part of his decision process, Lopes said. "My decision not to proceed," said Lopes, "with the non-re-appointment had nothing to do with the student letters. Any decision made like that has to go by the materials described in the Union contract. Student opinions and letters aren't described in the contract. Therefore they were not used."

Accusations of a Hostile Environment

Ruiz claims that the CJ Department at WSC was a hostile and harassing work environment. He said that the vast majority of the members in the department had in one way or another treated him wrongfully. There were a large number of incidents including public insult, class invasion, and implication of sexual relations with students, that Ruiz claimed the faculty put him through. "I was made to feel unwelcome here from the very first day of class," said Ruiz.

In response to Ruiz's claims, Professor Joseph Hanrahan, of Criminal Justice, said that harassment, he thought, was impossible. "How can your work environment be harassing and hostile if we never saw him come out of his office," said Hanrahan.

"I never even saw the man. I certainly never accused him of anything sexual. I have only had one conversation with him," said Hanrahan.

Tobin said that she thinks that Ruiz may believe what happened to him really did. "A lot of things that Professor Ruiz believed happened to him, may have but on another level. Things were misconstrued and taken out of context," said Tobin.

However, Professor L. Michael McCartney, Criminal Justice, said that he thinks Ruiz may have been correct in his perceptions. "Ruiz was not irrational in perceiving the situation fairly well. I, however, was not present or did not witness any of the wrongdoings. I worry that this all may have come about because Professor Ruiz was a teacher who expressed his views with others outside the classroom, about the law and policing. This may have concluded in him being convicted by being very unpopular, and having unpopular views," said McCartney.

Cook agreed with McCartney. "There is a long history of tension in the Criminal Justice Department… something like this could easily happen," said Cook.

Campaigns try to mobilize young voters in key states

BY KATE ALEXANDER
BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON - Joe Hilton and his friends at the University of Central Florida do not look much like soccer moms or senior citizens. But in Florida, a battleground state in the race for the White House, that may not matter.

What matters is that as Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore remain locked in a tight race heading toward the November finish line, their campaigns believe an oft-neglected bloc of young voters could help tilt the outcome in several critical states where the election will be decided.

Energized by that possibility, both campaigns have begun broad efforts this year to mobilize those ages 18 to 24, who have long voted in disproportionately low numbers. Their efforts, which for the first time rely heavily on the Internet, are targeting college students and young professionals.

Jano Cabrera, a spokesman for the Gore campaign, suggested that young voters could influence the election's outcome, either by voting or by staying home, but he warned against the latter.

``The issues we are talking about - Social Security, Medicare - are not issues that people would normally associate with youth, but the decisions made in this election will disproportionately affect them," he said.

The Bush campaign has singled out students and young professionals as two of the key constituencies - others include women, blacks, Latinos and veterans - who they believe are crucial for victory and who warrant specific outreach. And both campaigns say they have sought to make the issues pertinent enough to the younger set to motivate them to vote Nov. 7.

But the campaigns face an uphill battle. In 1996, only 32 percent of eligible voters ages 18 to 24 went to the polls, compared with 54 percent of Americans overall. Though nearly 43 percent of the 18-24 group voted in 1992 - the highest turnout for that age group since 1972 - the overall turnout that year was far higher, 61 percent.

A study released last month by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and MTV found that only half the respondents ages 18 to 24 were registered voters. And less than half of that group said they were certain to vote.

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``These students are numb to politics because they haven't heard anything positive about politics since birth," said Susan MacManus, a political science professor at the University of South Florida who has written extensively on the generational disparities in voting patterns.

Their low voting rates are caused by ``frustration, not cynicism," she said, and they represent a ``great reservoir of votes" that is ripe for the candidate who takes them seriously and connects with them on the issues they care about.

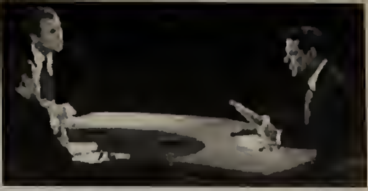
Hilton, a 21-year-old junior who is organizing voters on campus for the nonpartisan U.S. Students Association, says he thinks many students are beginning to understand their potential as a voting bloc.

``I do sense that a lot of people want to get their voice back," Hilton said. ``It is a big vote, and I think students realize that."

Both the Bush and Gore camps said they have dedicated more staff and resources than did past campaigns to registering, educating and motivating young voters, especially in battleground states, such as Florida, Michigan and Wisconsin. And they are summoning new strategies to woo them.

Most apparent are the fresh young faces dressing up the outreach efforts. Gore's eldest daughter, Karenna Gore Schiff, 27, heads Gorenet - the campaign's organizing arm for college students and young professionals - while Bush's nephew George P. Bush, 24, serves as the national chairman of Students for Bush-Cheney.

For the first time, the campaigns have committed to reaching out not only to the nation's 15 million college students, who have traditionally been solid foot soldiers for local campaign activities, but to young professionals as well.



Second Presidential Debate. -File photo

Gorenet, for example, was established early last year at the suggestion of Schiff to be the host of low-contribution fund-raisers as a way to engage voters who have finished college but have not yet bought homes or started families. These voters have typically been overlooked by political campaigns, because they tend to be less concerned than others about pocketbook issues. Today, Gorenet is spearheading efforts to turn them out to the polls.

Ken Lisaius, a spokesman for the Bush campaign, said that reaching young professionals is critically important because this group often experiences a ``rude awakening when they see how much federal taxes are eating into their paychecks." Lisaius said the organizing efforts of Young Professionals for Bush are intended to educate them on the Bush proposals that will affect them now or in the near future - in particular, tax cuts and education reform.

The Internet has proved to be a vital tool for reaching students and young professionals. ``It is providing a new and innovative way to campaign," said Ana Cruz, 27, co-chairman of Florida Gorenet.

For example, she said, the Internet provides a way for people to participate who typically have not been part of campaigns. Cruz said she recalled a group of medical students who recently e-mailed her at 3 a.m., looking for volunteer opportunities that would fit into their erratic schedules.

Jae Collins, who manages the online political portal for the Young Republicans National Federation, says he believes that the Internet is vital to connecting with young people, who feel at home with that medium. The federation's yrock.com site, he said, has received 1 million hits a month since it was launched earlier this year.

For all their energy and optimism, and for all the campaigns' efforts, student organizers privately concede that they don't realistically expect a spike in the turnout of young voters this year.

MacManus said she believes that, organizing efforts and youth debates aside, young voters will vote in substantial numbers only if they see a stark distinction between the candidates and the campaigns work to convince them that young people, collectively, can influence the election result.

``Somebody has to give (them) a reason" to vote, she said.

Studies calculate emotional consequences of abortion pill

BY HANNA ROSIN
WASHINGTON POST

When Rachel heard that RU-486 had been approved, she dropped the laundry basket and ran downstairs to turn on the TV. As the newscaster announced the ``breakthrough," Rachel was thinking: ``If I hadn't taken it, right now I'd have a newborn in the house; which room would he or she sleep in?"

Those broadcasts Rachel saw last month described the Food and Drug Administration's approval of the new abortion method as the greatest leap for women's health since the birth control pill. Its very nickname - ``the abortion pill" - implies convenience and ease, liberation from the hassles and stigma of surgical abortions.

But as Rachel and other women who've taken the pill can vouch, there's little that's easy about RU-486. American women who've used the drug describe as it as less convenient and more messy, and sometimes more painful, than surgical abortion, according to doctors who have conducted trials on 9,000 women so far.

Yet many chose it not despite those obstacles, but because of them. The pain factor made it seem more ``natural," doctors report their patients as saying. Taking the pill at home gave them a greater sense of control. And some even said the control and suffering served as a way to confront their own moral dilemmas - a personal version of what they might face from abortion protesters.

``When I'm doing the initial counseling and a woman says she really wants it over with quickly or or she has a very busy schedule, she will generally not end up using (RU-486)," said Kathy Rogers, a researcher at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, one of 18 sites for the latest clinical trials. ``Because it's not just a pill; it's a process. And it's not going to be easy or fast or simple."

In demographic terms Rachel - who agreed to be interviewed if her name were not disclosed - is not the prototype RU-486 user. She is six years older than the average age of 28, and is married, with two children. But judging from interviews and published studies, her reactions are quite typical.

She absorbed her nurse's warning that taking the pill would be ``more painful, with all the bleeding and cramping." Still, she chose it because ``it gave me a sense of control. Because it's something that I choose to do, rather than something that's done to me."

By that she means common medical concerns about invasive surgery, and the physical trauma to the body. But she also means something more personal, more emotional - a feeling the pill's advocates don't like to talk about but which nonetheless seems common to the women who have chosen the new method.

It served for her as a form of penance, a way of grappling with her ambivalence over any kind of abortion.

``It was like, if I'm going to do this I have to take the responsibility and do it myself, and I have to put myself through something hard," she said. ``It would have been cowardly ; to have someone fix it for me in some easy, safe way. It would not have felt right.

``You know, I still think about it almost every day," she continued. ``I will always wonder what this baby would have been like. I still don't think I did the wrong thing, but I wish the whole thing had never come up."

It is these private twinges of conscience that anti-abortion protesters say they will depend on to keep the stigma of abortion alive.

Doctors don't call it guilt. ``That's a red flag for us, if a woman is overwhelmed by guilt," Rogers said. But they often hear some form of Rachel's personal calculation.

``The logic is, even if takes longer, even if it hurts more, there's a sense of doing it yourself, rather than being done unto," said Carolyn Westhof, who conducted the trials at the Columbia Medical School in New York. ``Often it's not really a medical decision, but a psychological one."

``More natural," ``greater control" and ``more privacy" are the reasons that came up most often in the largest of the clinical trials conducted over the last six years by Eric Schaff at the University of Rochester. By privacy, women meant the comfort of choosing their own locations, their own support groups. But they also meant avoiding the guilt-inducing protesters at abortion clinics, said Schaff, who is Rachel's doctor.

``Privacy is so important to these women," said Schaff. ``They feel going to (a clinic) will make them an easy target for the anti-abortion protesters. And they don't want to have to walk that gantlet."

Palestinians say Israelis are targeting young

By Edward Gargan
Newsday

RAMALLAH, West Bank - On the second floor of Ramallah Hospital, a run-down sandstone edifice on a faint hill in the heart of this bedraggled town, 15-year-old Samer Subbi lies on a thin mattress, a bloodstained right leg encased in plaster, his right arm frozen as well by a white cast tinged red with blood.

``He took two bullets," said Dr. Hosni Attari, holding a square plastic X-ray sheet to the fluorescent ceiling light. ``One bullet blew off his knee - the bone, the ligament, all destroyed. And one bullet hit his hand, destroying all the vital tissues."

Subhi, who was shot a few days ago as he and thousands of other young Palestinian men hurled stones at Israeli soldiers, is but one of the hundreds of young men who have filled hospitals here on the West Bank, in Jerusalem and on the Gaza Strip in the past two weeks. In the eyes of Palestinians, it's evidence of the warlike ferocity of the Israeli reaction to their demonstrations.

``It seems to me that there is a determination to kill the children," said Dr. Munser Sharif, the deputy minister of health for the Palestinian Authority, who sat at a desk in a Ramallah hospital tabulating the deaths and injuries from what is now called the intifada, or uprising.

``Shot in the head. Shot in the head. Shot in the chest," he reads, his forefinger tracing the chronicle of deaths.

``I don't think this is like the previous intifada," he continued, a reference to the rebellion by Palestinians in the occupied territories against Israeli rule from 1987 to 1993. ``The quality of the casualties is different. How else can you describe this huge number of children - 350 have been shot, and 13 are dead?"

Even as the Palestinians tally their dead and wounded, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat are due to meet Monday in Egypt in a summit with President Clinton. But because there have been so many casualties, there is widespread sentiment among Palestinians that Arafat should not sit down at a table with the Israeli leader.

For the past two weeks, Palestinians here, in Jerusalem and to the south in Gaza, have gathered in swelling, violent demonstrations that have become running battles between stone-throwing youths and Israeli troops who have fired back with tear gas and rubber and live ammunition. By Sunday evening, the Palestinian Authority said 103 Palestinians had been killed and more than 3,000 had been wounded.

The Israeli army has consistently defended its right to fire at demonstrators, insisting that for the first time Israeli troops are being systematically shot at from behind a screen of rock-throwing Palestinian youths.

``These days now are the worst by far," said Maj. Yarden Vatikay, a spokesman for the Israeli army. ``This is an orchestrated warfare against us. We shoot, like anyone else in the world, when we're in danger of our lives. ... The (the Israeli Defense Force's) main task is to defend its people or whoever is under its sovereignty."

Four Israeli soldiers have been shot to death by Palestinians during the uprisings, Vatikay said. Two others were lynched Thursday when they inadvertently drove into a Palestinian town.

And for the first time in the decades of tension and violence between Israel and the Palestinians, a significant number of Israeli Arabs have been killed during protests against Israeli policies, protests in which the Arabs were unarmed. Ten Israeli Arabs have been shot by Israeli police who now admit they used live ammunition because they ran out of rubber bullets - steel slugs in a rubber sheath and often described as nonlethal.

Across Ramallah and in impoverished Palestinian villages that spatter the hillsides near Jerusalem, posters of the dead are everywhere, plastered to desert-yellow sandstone walls, on steel shop shutters, in the windows of barber shops and falafel stands. And with each poster, there is a sense among Palestinians that the chance for reconciliation and peace has slipped away.

``I think there is no hope," whispered Asmhan al Shuke, who was surrounded by neighbors in her cramped apartment in the village of Silwan to mourn the death of her 18-year-old son, Nizar, who was killed two weeks ago outside the Al Aqsa mosque. ``Our children are the victims. He was shot in the head with live ammunition. The doctors told me this. He was shot after prayers, but I don't know the exact details, just that he did not come home from the mosque. The next day we saw a picture of his body in the newspaper saying that he was unidentified."

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Sunk onto a couch pushed against a newly painted white wall in her apartment overlooking a rutted and garbage-strewn road below, al Shuke ran her fingers over a framed portrait of her dead son's soccer team, holding the tips of her fingers on his face. ``He loved to play soccer," she said. ``Once he was fired from his job for playing too much soccer at work."

Nizar is the second of al Shuke's sons to die at the hands of the Israelis. ``In 1990," she said, ``my son Zohere was shot down by soldiers." She spread her hands, pleading, ``The least that the Palestinians can accept is that Jerusalem comes under Palestinian rule. Everybody here thinks that way."

At the hospital in Ramallah, the feeling is that Israel has declared war on the Palestinians. Attari led a visitor outside the main hospital to a metal shed that an orderly unlocked. Inside, he opened a door and slid out a metal tray laden with the shrouded body of Ra'ad Yacoub Hamoudah.

``He died just 30 minutes ago," Attari said quietly. ``He was shot in the head with a rubber bullet. The Israelis say they are not lethal. He is married with two children, and he is dead."

Newfoundland's legacy of church school abuse

By Deneen Brown
Washington Post

SHESHATSHUI, Newfoundland - She fears God, as the priests taught her. So much so that when Elizabeth Penashue starts to talk about the abuses inflicted by priests and the church upon her people, the Innu, she issues only a whisper. The words won't quite come. She fears God will strike her down if she speaks against a priest.

Rain beats on the canvas tent in which she is staying on a retreat with other Innu. Finally, she says, ``It hurt me. I think priests just like Jesus. But it was not only me. I saw him with my friends in the classroom. I saw. I saw ..."

For years, rumors circulated in Canadian society of awful things happening in the church schools where many thousands of native children were taken, sometimes forcibly, during a two-century-long government effort to turn them into European Canadians. In the 1990s, aging former students began stepping forward with their stories, and what they said triggered a full-blown national self-examination.

This summer, four major churches in Canada issued a blanket apology to native people in the Atlantic province of Newfoundland, asking forgiveness for what the churches acknowledged were centuries of sexual and psychological abuse in schools the churches ran. Leaders of the Anglican, Presbyterian, United and Roman Catholic churches in Newfoundland issued the apology to right wrongs that they said church officials committed.

``We are embarrassed and sorry for the suffering that you, the aboriginal people, have endured since the arrival of our ancestors 500 years ago," James H. MacDonald, the Roman Catholic archbishop of St. John's, told about 500 people gathered in an old school building in St. John's, Newfoundland. ``We ask your forgiveness. ... We long to learn from the dark moments of our history."

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>
> -Jim Miller

The ceremony was part of the Jubilee Initiative, a national church campaign organized by a Roman Catholic nun, Sister Emma Rooney, who said she wanted the churches to acknowledge the suffering they caused Canada's native people.

Early settlers thought it was right to show native people ``how to worship and how to work and how to dress and how to speak," said Gerry Marshall, administrator for the Lantern Christian Life Center and a colleague of Rooney. ``It was acceptable over the years to use abusive methods to do that, physical abuse. They were made to learn our language, to learn English ... to read our books ... learn to worship our gods. Instead of recognizing that we all travel the same journey and share the same God, we were narrow-minded as white people."

The Canadian government has reached similar conclusions. In 1996, a royal commission concluded that the problem went beyond attempts to snuff out native culture. Thousands of students died in horrible conditions at residential schools, it found, and thousands more were physically and sexually abused in the effort to ``elevate the savages."

In 1998, the government tried to make amends, apologizing for forcibly preventing natives from speaking their own language in schools, on reservations or in communities where only native children were required to attend. That year Canada's Indian affairs department set aside $227 million for a healing fund to be used by Indian communities. But much of that money remains unspent.

Since the public apologies, churches across Canada have been hit with billions of dollars of lawsuits by tribes whose children attended church-run schools. Some children said that they were wrongfully imprisoned; others have said they were physically, emotionally and sexually abused at schools.

In 1998, the federal government settled 220 claims involving priests and nuns who had been convicted of criminal abuse. The suits continue to proliferate. The Anglican Church recently said it may go bankrupt as a result of payments to former students.

The program began in the early 1800s, when day schools and more than 80 residential schools were opened across Canada for native children.

``Residential schools were regarded as a better way to break the ties with the family and have a more direct educative and assimilative impact on the child," said Jim Miller, history professor at the University of Saskatchewan and author of ``Shingwauk's Vision: A History of Native Residential Schools." Shingwauk was a native chief who in the 19th century requested residential schools for his people, thinking it would improve their lives.

Children were taken away from their families, sometimes for as long as eight years, Miller said. He called the schools ``complete failures."

``They didn't educate kids," Miller said. ``They had a terrible emotional impact on the children. ... The kids were raised in an emotionally sterile environment. They emerged as people who didn't really know how to be parents."

Children were beaten ``to the extent that they suffered serious harm." Children were locked in dark closets. Some children had their hair cut for running away. ``One of the most notorious cases was in Saskatchewan, where one supervisor made a whip with five belts and beat children he did not like," he said. The government finally decided to phase out the schools in 1969, prompted by growing resistance among native groups and the fact that the swelling native population was making it more expensive to run the schools.

The abuse first received major public attention in 1990, when Phil Fontaine, then head of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, went public to say he had been a victim of abuse in Catholic residential schools. His statement encouraged others to tell their stories.

The churches' apology in Newfoundland this summer renewed the saga between white Canadians and churches and the native people they tried to change.

There is ``no denial in churches" about the abuses, said Andy den Otter, professor of history at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's.

``I think people believe the stories that aboriginal people tell them at face value," den Otter said. ``By and large, that is what we were saying in the statement. We accept these stories. ... Even if a particular story may have an element of exaggeration, it is based in a legacy of abuse. ... As a Christian, you accept stories of abuse and you ask for forgiveness."

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

I don't sleep much anymore. Night after night, I lay there in the darkness and I think. I think about the direction my life seems to be headed, about how I might be in the wrong major, and how I feel so helpless. My body, which has felt so sluggish during the day, becomes restless. I put in a movie, and I don't really watch it. I turn on the radio, and I don't really hear it. I know I'm looking for something, but I don't even know what.

For several months now, I've felt somehow imbalanced. I don't even to know how to describe it. Perhaps you'll know the feeling intuitively. I feel constantly overwhelmed, even if my workload isn't difficult. I feel as if I rarely act; rather, I simply react to those things around me that demand my attention. Many would say that I just need to become organized, that I need to get on the ball. It's not that, though. I'll plan ahead. I'll sit down far in advance to write a paper, pay a bill, do some paperwork. But then I can't bring myself to complete it. Or in some cases, even start it. I'll sit there, look at my book, and tell myself, "By choosing not to study, I'm almost assuring myself a bad grade." So I sit there and wait. I wait for motivation.

Dr. Peter Mazza, a former vice president here, told the incoming freshmen once that prioritizing is the key to success. Say you have a large tub, and you need to fill it with large rocks, gravel, and sand. If you first fill it with the sand, the small stuff, you won't have any room for the gravel or rocks. But if you fill it with the rocks, or the big things, you'll always have room for the small stuff to fill in the cracks. I've actually been thinking about that a lot lately. Though for me, schoolwork and the like IS the small stuff. I feel like I'm missing something very fundamental to my being. I need to center myself around something, though I'm not sure what it is. That's the problem. Until I find what's missing, and do something about it, trying to align all the other things seems kind of pointless. It's like I'm struggling against all the manifestations of this core problem: the insomnia, the fatigue, the grades, and the relationships. What I need to focus on is the root of the problem.

And so I sit there at night and I think. The more I think, the more I realize how unfair the world is. How is it, that no matter how many times I seem to screw things up (a considerable amount, I assure you), I always get another chance? And, at the same time, there are people working three jobs just to feed their families, and they'll never get a shot at having the life they deserve. It just doesn't seem right to me. It makes me sad. So I sit up and think about it, trying to make sense of it. The problem is, nobody else is up to talk about it with, and I feel that they wouldn't understand anyway. I sit, I think, and I'm lonely.

I can't seem to shake the feeling that I'm at least a little useless. There is so much more that I can be doing. You see, I feel that I have strong faith. I have a fundamental belief that God is out there and that He loves me. The thing is, I'm not sure I'm doing anything to deserve it. My friend put it best. He said that I need a quest. That I need to go out and battle evil or something. The problem is, there is no tangible evil anymore. It's all so indistinct, and in varying degrees, and rationalized by society. Man, I'd love it if all the evil in the world would kind of join forces into some sort of huge entity, and I could go forth with a big ol' plasma cannon and blast the hell out of it. At least I'd have a purpose.

Hmmm. Looking this over, I realize that I probably seem pretty bitter. Or depressed. Or just plain insane. But I promise you, I'm none of the above (well, maybe insane...). I told you all in my very first column, that I would occasionally use this space as a sort of release. That's all that this is. Putting all this down, whether it makes any sense or not, is almost therapeutic. In fact, I feel like I'm on the verge of a personal epiphany. It's out there, I know. I can see the answer to all this, in the very edges of my periphery. I'm just not sure how to turn to see it best.

I'm going to stop here. Maybe some of you know what I'm talking about. Maybe you feel that there is more out there, some kind of greater purpose. If so, awesome. . .I'm not alone. Or, maybe I've just confirmed your belief that I'm insane. Well, that's ok tou. I wrote this for me, after all, to help make better sense of these feelings. And the answer IS there. I know that it's only a matter of time until the pieces fall together again. Because the world seems just a little more aligned suddenly, my path a little less obscured. I know what has to be done. And suddenly, I'm feeling a little tired.

Maybe I'll get some sleep tonight.

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

Careless Thoughts

CARRIE JANIK

All right, so half of the semester is already over. It seems like just yesterday I was writing about not procrastinating so that we won't get all stressed out.

Well, here is an update for you: I am stressed and I did not keep the vow to myself that I would not put things off. From the looks of things it seems that I am not the only one either. There are a million things to do: papers, exams, meetings, rehearsals, games and work. It worries me that we can let these things stress us out and forget that these are supposed to be the best times of our lives. Just ask any of the post-graduates who come and visit. They say that the real world isn't anything to rush into. Once you enter that realm there are even bigger things to worry about.

In the grand scheme of life, that paper on Robert Frost is trivial. I am not saying that we should indulge ourselves and forget the fact that we are here to learn. However, I am saying that being at college isn't strictly to learn about the anthropological elucidation of Third World Religions. It is a chance for us to see that there are many different kinds of personalities and ideas that we need to learn to work with proactively to find a good balance internally, as well as externally. It is the opportunity to try things out and see if we like them.

This is our place to grow as people and if we spend it stressing at the library or complaining to anyone that will listen then we will blink and it will be gone. At this point, it is hard to think that one day we will look back and wish that the only thing we had to worry about was finishing an essay or scraping enough money to get Subway. However, I know that looking back to junior high school, I can remember worrying about things like being embarrassed when my parents dropped me off somewhere or getting a top or bottom locker at school. Things like that seemed like life or death then, but in comparison to our lives now there is no correlation.

So, here we are in mid October, and there is a whole half of a semester left to stay up late and talk to people that we would have never known if we didn't go to college, or to try singing at a coffee house even though it scares the hell out of you. So keep working, have fun, and don't stress. (I just hope that I can follow my own advice.)

C. Janik is a Voice Columnist

Meanwhile at M.A.R.A.S.A

NICK GENGARELLY

For us to learn, we have to be taught, and for others to learn, we must teach them. In a sense, education of any sort acts in the form of a continuous circle. In order for an individual or group to expand their knowledge, they must be educated by someone or something else, then they can pass on what they've learned. This is the theory that we, the Men of M.A.R.A.S.A, have adopeted for the passing of knowledge from us to those on campus. However, we need a mentor, a teacher, someone to guide us in our quest to educate other men.

Up until this point we have been using the Men's Resource Center in Springfield as a major source of information. Individually, we have all researched topics and theories from the Internet or absorbed stories from the newspapers or from those around us who have personal experiences to share. Eventually we hope to possess as much knowledge as we can so we can be the guiding forces, so we can't be the ones to teach. For us to achieve this goal though, we need all the help we can get - in any shape or form.

Recently, a man by the name of Jackson Katz was brought to my attention by my Intro. to Mass.Comm. professor, Nessim Watson. Katz is a very well known anti-sexist male activist who is widely known "for his groundbreaking work in the field of gender violence prevention education with men and boys, particularly in the sports culture and the military." Katz also has a few videos out dealing with the same issues that we are addressing and he has lectured at many colleges to spread his word. My reason for bringing him up is because when Prof. Watson brought me to his attention, he had hopes to bring Katz here to WSC. However, as with everything in life, money is an issue. As I have said in the past, we have many fund raisers ahead of us and this is one of the reasons we are holding them; to have people like Jackson Katz come to our school. So, I am again asking for the supprort of you, the students, faculty, adminstrators, everybody on campus and off to help us grow and help us bring new knowledge to our community. You can learn more about Jackson Katz and his achievements at www.Jacksonkatz.com. You can learn more about M.A.R.A.S.A at our weekly meeting at 8:30 on Wednesdays in the Scnalon living room.

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Kate's Rants

KATHERINE GOMES

Have you ever thought you knew someone only to find out that you really didn't know them at all?

In high school my best friend briefly dated a guy I'll refer to as Andy. The relationship didn't last long, but when it was over they were still good friends and, consequently, I spent a lot of time with him as well. We'd all hang out together several times a week. Everything was chill. We had great fun together.

Andy was, seemingly, a fun-loving, carefree guy. I almost never heard him say a negative word about anyone and the few times I did happen to hear him run his mouth about someone, they had always done something to validate every word. If you don't count a few drug-related conflicts with the police, he was a relatively good person. He was always kind, generous and affectionate. He was a sweet kid.

It has been at least two months since I last spoke to Andy, maybe more. I have learned that in that short time he has landed himself in jail for a short three-month-long sentence, but that wasn't the really disturbing news. Before Andy was sentenced to jail he got a swastika tattooed on his arm. This kinda dopey, loveable kid that I hung out with in high school turned his body into a symbol of hate. Now I never really thought that Andy was all about the love but I never thought he was all about the hate either. For a guy that hardly ever said a bad word about anyone this was quite the drastic move.

I now wonder if he even knows what it means. Maybe he just thought it looked cool. It's a symbol that means hatred for many different kinds of people. He's hung out with me on numerous occasions and I'm not exactly Caucasian. I have a Jewish friend that used to be close to Andy several years ago. Could he really have associated with us and have felt this way the whole time? Maybe he met up with some people that were into white supremacy and they influenced him?

I know I'm making a lot of excuses for him. We weren't even that close but I just find it so hard to believe. Everyone else I've talked to about this is certain he knows exactly what the swastika stands for. I just can't imagine running into Andy over Christmas vacation and him not greeting me with a big hug. Can someone really have changed that much that quickly? A friend that loans you money and holds the door open for you can learn to hate your race and many others in just two months? I really just didn't know that was possible. I've seen it happen in a short time period to people on TV and in movies. I was almost certain that in real life, it would take a little more time than two months to come to the decision that you dislike all people that aren't like you so much that you want to advertise your hate on your body. It's a disgusting thought.

K. Gomes is a Voice Columnist

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

This week's column is dedicated to the memory of the American sailors who lost their lives aboard USS Cole following the events of Thursday, October 12, 2000.

This election is essentially a contest between a big-government liberal who doesn't want to look that way and a small-government conservative who needs to shake the hay out of his clothes. Before I go any further I want to make it clear that I'm leaning toward Governor Bush but I remain undecided. In my perfect world Joe Lieberman would run as president, but this not being the case, I'm going to spend the next few paragraphs outlining Vice President Gore's biggest flaw, which is his only casual acquaintance with the truth.

Gore's web page claims that he reduced the size of the government resulting in savings of $137 billion to taxpayers. The Government Accounting Office (GAO) investigated this claim and said, among other things, that they couldn't substantiate almost two-thirds of this figure AND that "creative accounting" accounted for a large portion of the remaining figure.

Gore has taken credit for cutting federal regulations, but the GAO stated that during the elimination of pages from federal regulations, often pages were added in place of the 11,569 that were removed but not counted. "In some cases," the report said, "agencies added more pages than they removed...."

When confronted by Bush in the last moments of their second debate on his many "misrepresentations" during the first debate, Gore said what any child caught lying to his mom would say: "I got some of the details wrong," He said softly, "I'm sorry about that, I'm going to try to do better (in the future)."

The Democratic Party is the workingman's friend? The middle and lower classes would benefit most from school vouchers which would allow them to pull their children from failing public schools and into a cleaner, safer environment. However, the Democrats are forced to oppose vouchers because of the enormous amount of money that the teacher's unions contribute to them and the influence that it buys. Only Republicans are free to support the vouchers that will give parents the opportunity to do the best they can by their children. Vouchers, I believe, will also put public schools in more direct competition with private schools, which can only make things better for everybody.

Today, the probability that a young black man will be killed in a lower income neighborhood is greater than his chance of being killed as a soldier in WWII. What are the Democrat's answers to this? New gun laws to prevent victims from defending themselves, even though many studies, including one by John Lott of Yale, showed that the places that violent crimes against blacks and women fall sharpest are where a law-abiding citizen is allowed to carry a concealed weapon. Consider the illogic of this statement: In New York City, it's illegal to carry a gun; therefore NYC must be the safest city in the US, right? Uh, no. George W. said it best in the second debate when he asked Gore if he actually believed that criminals would line up to get their gun control photo IDs.... Ludicrous. We've got gun laws; we just need to emphasize enforcement of them.

Last Sunday in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Gore said, concerning peace in the Middle East, that "...As a nation, we're going to stand together and do everything we can to promote peace and security and the right outcome." Now, if peace in the Middle East AND gun control are such issues for Gore, then why did his administration broker a US-Russian agreement allowing the delivery of Russian arms to Iran through 1999?

I said that I'm still essentially undecided in this race and I am; no thinking person would make a final decision before all of the facts are in. In fact, I heard that George W. was upset to learn that the Electoral College didn't have any frats for him to join. I'm tempted to vote Democrat just to put Lieberman in the position he needs to be in but I'm not sure if it's worth (a possible) eight years of Gore to get him there. It's simple math really... do George W.'s weaknesses plus Lieberman's attractiveness equal a vote for Gore?

I actually voted for Clinton last time around for one reason only: Bob Dole was a scary, scary man and proof positive of the stranglehold that big business had on the Republican primary. I felt let down by the GOP, the same as when they shut out my man McCain. I figured since the president can't actually introduce legislation, at least things couldn't get any worse off with Clinton still around, and then this year's race wouldn't be a Republican versus an incumbent, who has a major advantage unless he's Bush or Carter. In Green Party news, 13,500 people sold out Madison Square Garden to hear Ralph. He may not have a chance in hell but he's clearly not as insignificant as the media makes him out to be.

Hey, Theatre and MTG. I didn't do my research; I didn't differentiate between your two fine programs...BANG, got me. Mea Culpa. Listen, I dish it out every week and if I couldn't take it when it was dished out to me I'd be just another stinkin' hypocrite, right? I knew when I started writing this column that research was key and the one time I skimped I was schooled proper. Thank you for an important lesson in journalism. Beyond the error, I do hope that you noticed that I was only trying to endorse both of your programs. Theatre...MTG... Most people just want to know if the shows are any good, and I said that most of them are. You're welcome, thanks for reading the column, and I look forward to the show.

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> -Chris Ward

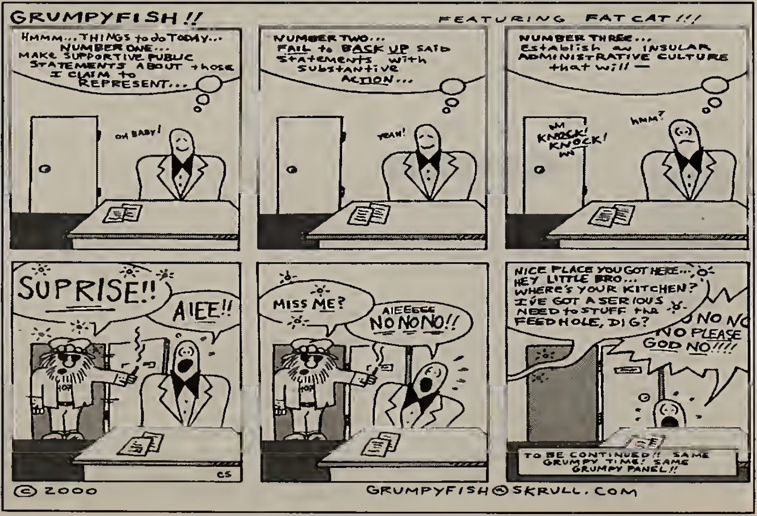
As far as my colleague, Ms. Janik, relax. Consider the possibility that her assessment of the situation may be inaccurate; that the CJ comment following the Theatre paragraph fell that way due to my style of switching from topic to topic and actually had nothing in common with the paragraph preceding it besides the term "CJ." In fact, I wasn't even aware of who the male lead was when I wrote it. It was directed at CJ majors who take themselves far too seriously. The way it reads does suggest the personal attack to which she referred last week, and rereading it, I understand it perfectly.

I was also happy to explain all of this to the students with the character to approach me about it personally, but my colleague wasn't among them. The "offended party" WAS among them, however, and I respect him for his forthrightness and his desire to get the facts before he formed an opinion; a desire for facts that most, unfortunately, didn't share. Your column was well-written and thought out, Carrie, and came from the right place, but a simple Email or something could have saved us a lot of ink and a week of misunderstanding. We're guilty of the same crime; lack of research, and therein lay the irony of this whole situation.

One little plug here for "Werewolf Crossing" They definitely have your last-minute Halloween needs, and the proprietor and half-owner is a Westfield guy named Nathan. Support your classmate! It's on Route 202 right near the 252 Bar, just past the bridge toward the pike.

Another plug for Tom the soup chef at the caf...Soup rocks, man. Can we say Soup Nazi? Do the accent, man! (That would be too much.) Peace and Balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist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Woodward's lie should not be overlooked

"It takes a wise man to handle a lie. A fool had better remain honest."

-Norman Douglas

Sometimes I look around at my fellow students and don't know what to think. Collectively we have so much potential power, yet we stay divided in our small groups for reasons that I will never know. Given this, I still feel the need to let you all know about one of the injustices that has recently happen to us all.

In the issue of the Campus Voice that was circulated on October 9, a story titled 'Woodward addresses SGA 's concems', was printed. Westfield State College's president, Frederick Woodward, when asked about the status of the faculty's contract negotiation, was quoted as saying, "I wish I really knew that. I don't really have a clue. I can't wait for it to be over, personally." This statement is, in fact, a blatant lie. I will be the first to tell you that my own knowledge of the faculty negotiations is incomplete, as I'm sure most students' is. But I do know for a fact that President Woodward's statement was a lie.

In a memo written to all faculty and librarians of this institution by President Woodward on October 2, "A few items" were discussed. The second item in this memorandum was, you guessed it, the "contract issue." Woodward wrote: Several faculty members have asked if the money proposed during recent contract discussions had been reduced. They indicate they were informed it had been. I called to see if any changes had been made and was informed that the dollar figures shared in the materials from Chairman Tocco in May are the same figures on the table today. In keeping with being informed, I suggest a review of the Tocco materials. I understand in early spring, the Governor reduced funding slightly. This amount is approximately 1.5% over the life of the contract. It must be remembered that the Governor controls the money and not the BHE. The BHE is authorized to offer a particular amount and that has been done. This is the amount of money on the table.

While some of the language is unclear and references do not make sense to those not involved in the negotiations, this statement, without a shadow of doubt, proves that President Woodward has knowledge of the contract negotiations, that he has "a clue." This presents us all with an opportunity, but what will we do with this? Perhaps this will interest you in what is going on at this school, perhaps it will not. But we should all know that this is a chance for us to come together to tell the powers that be that they cannot lie to us.

So, what can we do? Well, let me start off with some advice, do not go to your student leaders, namely SGA. This group is simply a puppet of the administration. You will never see them take a stand on anything controversial, including the issue of contract negotiations, which they have chosen to occasionally question, but not deal with. Now, I'm sure that this will be viewed as an attack upon the individuals that take part in student government, which it is not. SGA does unbelievable things when it comes to programming, but they hold no real power; it's the system, not the senators. Anything that will be done will most likely have to come from the ground up, namely the student body. So I am calling on both the president and the faculty union to use the Campus Voice as a weekly medium for dialogue about the issue, which has and will continue to effect us, the students. As soon as I receive a response from both parties, we can set up some ground rules, and both parties will be forced to look at this issue in a medium meant for the voiceless third party.

Let me leave you with a final thought. In twenty years from now, what will have a bigger affect on you? That kick-ass party you went to and got drunk at or that the institution that granted you a diploma no longer exists because of lying presidents and ignorant government officials?

-Gray Wanzer

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

"First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out -- because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out -- because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out -- because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me -- and there was no one left to speak for me." Pastor Martin Niemoller

I am beginning this week's column with this famous quote to emphasize why I feel that this school's Gay/Straight Alliance should be treated much more fairly than it is. I am referring specially to the fact that their sidewalk chalk messages, which were written in observance of Coming Out Day to encourage other GLBT students to be proud of who they are and discourage homophobia, was either smudged over or erased before 8 AM on October 11. I understand that the college has an "official" policy against sidewalk chalk, but give me a break! I don't think anything else would have been erased so quickly.

As I am writing this, there are still triangles drawn on the walkway outside Lammers Hall, and the words, "Celebrate Diversity," are still on the sidewalk in front of the Dining Commons. I'm sure that if someone had written, "Down with Racism," or, "Go Yankees," no one would have given a single nod. If the school is going to have a stupid policy, they could at least enforce it equally.

Unfortunately many people on this campus, and in our world, are homophobic. Although gays and lesbians make up about 10% of the population, they remain a largely hidden minority, for good reason. Many gays and lesbians fear that they will lose there job, housing, or even, their life, if they disclose their sexual orientation. Not long ago, this would have applied to someone of a minority race or religion. Thankfully, our society has come a long way towards inclusion of all people.

Many people who would oppose the existence of such an organization, or equal rights and protection for lesbians and gays will use the excuse that they don't wish to support something they see as, 'unnatural.' Let's remember, that Hitler felt the same way towards Jews and Africans. Many people still feel this way towards these groups. Forty years ago, in some states, it was frowned upon for an interracial couple to get married, or even date each other.

Most people don't know that 10,000 to 15,000 gay men were killed during the Holocaust. The Nazis saw them as a threat to their goal of global domination by their, "master race." Lesbian women were used to carry Aryan babies.

The Nazis also killed Jews, Gypsies, Catholics, Jehovah Witnesses, Communists, anyone who helped a member of one of these groups escape, and anyone who disagreed with the Nazi agenda. Many people are afraid of what they see as a "Gay Agenda." This "agenda" is the same as that of any other minority group. They wish to attain equal rights and protection under the law and in society.

The Westfield State College Gay/Straight Alliance, as does any group or individual on campus, has a right to express themselves in a nonviolent manner. If there really is a policy against sidewalk chalk, which is silly enough in it self, it should be equally enforced against anyone writing on the sidewalk with chalk. If, as the case may very well be, there is a bias against the GSA by the administration, the maintainors, or whomever, this needs to be addressed. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

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Woodward raise is an insult to the campus community

To the Editor:

I commend the Campus Voice for its article on the raise awarded to President Woodward, which accurately and prominently reported the faculty perspective on this decision. If anything, I believe it understates the anger and frustration felt by most of us.

No one doubts that the job of college president is difficult and deserves a respectable remuneration. But to quote one of my colleagues, the total amount of raises given to Dr. Woodward in his brief tenure here exceeds her entire salary! This by itself is not particularly surprising. The president and the Board of Trustees (largely a bunch of Weld-Cellucci political appointees with minimal experience or interest in education) are simply validating their incestuous relationship. Smart college presidents understand that their main task is to hold the trustees in their pocket by keeping things quiet and orderly. The needs of faculty and students are secondary, if they are considered at all. The trustees can feel important (their primary motivation for accepting an unpaid position), the president gets his raise, and everyone else can take a hike.

The real issue is that the trustees' decision is a slap in the face for the rest of us. Students continue to wrestle with the many problems they face on a daily basis—the inadequacy of the campus technological infrastructure being the latest—and faculty are entering a third year without a real contract, with only lip service from President Woodward to address their concerns. In that institutional context, and not for any reason related to Dr. Woodward as an individual, the raise given to him for his allegedly excellent performance is nothing less than an obscene insult to the rest of the campus community.

Sincerely,
Michael Engel
Professor, Political Science

Theatre Dept. responds to "The Cut"

To the Editor:

There were a few errors and misconceptions stated in Chris Ward's column, "The Cut," in your October 9, 2000 edition that need correction and clarification. First, the Theatre Arts Program is not a department, but a program within the Department of English. Second, the Theatre Arts Program and the Musical Theatre Guild (MTG) are separate and unaffiliated entities; the Theatre Arts Program is an academic program and MTG is student club. Third, MTG produced Grease and The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas; the Theatre Arts Program produced Simpatico in Fall 1999 and is producing The Visit this semester. Finally, the Program encourages students to bring their concerns directly to the faculty. We welcome and need student input and we takes the opinions of our students seriously.

Sincerely yours,
The Theatre Faculty

-On the Campus Channel Friday, Oct. 27-

Guitar Dudes play in Ely Campus Center

BY KRISTEN CROTEAU
VOICE REPORTER

The Guitar Dudes came on in the Ely Lounge on October 17 precisely at 11:38. Casually clad in t-shirts and jeans, the first song they performed was Tonic's "If You Could Only See." The guitar duo, which hails from Dubuque, Iowa, is a band known for its covers of other artists.

With as much enthusiasm and intensity as expected at 11:30 on a Tuesday morning, they treated commuters with background music (albeit loud background music) for those who were studying, reading, or just plain "hanging out" before a class. After finishing their first song, they made remarks advertising the 50/50 raffle, tickets that were being sold at a table near the stage. They also advertised free pizza for commuters, and although I'm not a commuter, I wondered if I would be able to get myself some of that pizza without anyone knowing. (And really, when you think about it, how could they have known?) Being the wimp that I am, I decided to fight the pizza craving that had begun to wage a war in my very deprived stomach, and settled on some crackers that I had brought from my room (some compromise). Before beginning their next song, the dudes joked that the selling tactics of the students selling raffle tickets were less than favorable. The bass guitarist laughed, "I don't think your marketing tactics are working!" as he looked at the deserted table next to the "stage" with two bored students who had their heads in their hands.

Although they didn't introduce the names of their songs or the artists who sing them, the music was mostly popular music that anyone would recognize. I, not having a huge range of musical favorites (basically I stick to boy bands and angst-ridden female vocalists), had a hard time recognizing some of the music they played. For their second song, it was the bass guitarist's turn to try lead, and while I have no idea what they played, I know I've heard the song before, and the most I can offer to you is that it kind of sounded like something the Counting Crows would play (who, by the way, have awesome shows, I went to one they were headlining with LIVE at the Meadows this summer, and it was great, regardless of rain).

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

The Guitar Dudes play in the Ely Lounge.

These two guys seem to have the kind of voices where they can camouflage to sound like any artist whose music they play. The third song performed was one of my absolute favorite songs: "You're A God," by Vertical Horizon. I fought the urge to jump out of my seat the second I heard the opening guitar, because I figured that in a room full of non-enthused commuters, I'd just look silly. They did my song justice, thankfully, continuing in the aforementioned tradition of sounding exactly like my boys, Vertical Horizon. That song was probably the best out of all the ones I saw the dudes play, although I suppose I could be biased.

The crowd, however, was not sharing in my joy during this performance. Maybe it was too early, maybe they had hangovers, maybe it was the weather, who knows, but the audience was not offering much in the applause area. When they finished "You're a God," to mixed reviews from the crowd, the duo looked at one guy who was clapping and said something to the affect of, "Thank you, sir, that's mighty kind of you, and don't think that applause goes unappreciated!"

After some Barenaked Ladies (not sure of the name of the song, but you know, the one that goes "welcome/to the old apartment") and a few songs I absolutely could not recognize, I realized that it was time to brush up on my music. Although they told the crowd in the beginning to request anything we wanted, because they were sure they knew it, I was not about to get up there and ask for "Bye Bye Bye."

Luckily, my self esteem was restored when they broke into "Friends in Low Places" by the granddaddy of all country music, Garth Brooks. (Coming from a family that treats country music like some families treat the Gospel, I felt a little more in my element.)

Remember what I said before about sounding like absolutely any artist whose music they covered? Well, forget about the "absolutely," and stick "most" in their. Although they tried, they just could not sound like Garth. The little country 'twang' they tried to incorporate only ended up sounding like they had phlegm stuck in the back of their throat. I was impressed that they were able to hit the low notes, but I also thought that song especially was not one that you could play with just guitars and have it "work."

As soon as they finished butchering Garth, it was time for me to leave to go to my next class. All in all, I'd say the "Guitar Dudes" were great; they definitely knew what they were doing, and it can't be easy to play in the morning for a bunch of non-impressed college students. I appreciated the music they played that I recognized (especially Vertical Horizon!), and even the ones I couldn't quite place, they played well. Check them out sometime if they're ever here again. Next time, maybe I'll request "Larger Than Life."

New Orgy CD pushes the envelope

MARK HITE

Hello all and happy Halloween! If you're anything like me you live this holiday year round so celebrate it in style. There is nothing better than scaring the crap out of people.

Speaking of scary things, a couple of dark sounding bands lucked out this year because Halloween falls on a Tuesday (new CD release day). Two of the major ones come as no surprise to me. Goth metal greats, Type O Negative have their best of (or as they call it "The Least Worst Of")coming out on that date. On it, you will find previously unreleased tracks, classic favorites hand picked by the band, and a few remixes.

Also, the ever scary and evil Cradle of Filth soar back with their new wicked sounding CD "Midian". I have heard both of these great discs and highly recommend them for metal fans everywhere.

Now on to another major band that just released a new disc. The hybrid of electronica and rock has always been a foreground for experimentation and new hi-fi sounds.

Many rock fans are still undecided on weather or not they like the concept of dance beats coming into their music. However, Orgy's new CD "Vapor Transmission" lays down the welcome mat for those waiting to make the cross over to techno rock.

Intricate and precise to every sound they produce, Orgy displays their death pop expertise with "Vapor Transmission". The CD is a vicious mix of electronic sequencing, haunting distorted guitar work, and the traditional retro 80s pop vocals of front man Jay Gordon (who is known for wrapping mike cords around himself at concerts). The CD is the band's sophomore effort off Reprise Records.

Finding success has almost come natural for the five man outlet who hail out of California. Orgy's first CD "Candyass" captured audiences immediately with it's fresh and innovative sound. The CD was recorded right after the band was formed in 1998 under Korn's Reprise-distributed rock label Elementree Records.

Korn, who are California natives as well, immediately took interest in the driving forec behind Orgy's music and went on tour with them shortly thereafter. The tour of that year attracted many rock fans and Orgy found themselves with a big following. When their cover of "Blue Monday", originally done by 80s pop act New Order, hit major rock stations, Orgy immediately rose to the top. The rest as they say is musical history.

Now that Orgy is back, people are already singing the tunes to their new radio hit, "Fiction (She Dreams In Digital)". However, "Vapor Transmission" should not be beught for that one song alone. The whole CD is almost guaranteed many different listening ears with it's mix of styles.

The CD begins with a two minute long intro that virtually sets the stage for the futuristic sound of the entire disc. Automatically, the second track "Suckerface" grabs the listener with it's synthesizer produced beggining and distorted guitar work which is guaranteed to send chills up spines everywhere.

Gordon's vocals are often muffled and distorted which only adds to the mechanical feel of the song.

The song "Opticon" begins with a head bobbing one-two drum beat which immediatly gives way to an array of catchy vocals and low toned guitar riffs. "Fiction (She Dreams In Digital) adds an eerie spin to the CD with it's slow style and depressing themes. "Re-Creation" has an addicting systematic feel with it's twisted guitar rhythms and daring mix of tempos.

The lyrics on the CD mostly revolve around Sci-Fi but also reach out to different emotions and stereotypes within the world.

The mechanical sci-fi aspect of "Vapor Transmission" is not only captured in the music. The CD cover is very futuristic looking featuring a mechanical head with a laser shooting out of it's eye. The lyric book has an impressive computerized take of the guys from Orgy. Basically, if you can imagine the band on the cartoon "Reboot", you will be able to picture it.

Orgy continues to define their sound as they go along. "Vapor Transmission" proves to be another great techno assault on the mainstream rock scene. So plop down some money and get yourself the new CD from the spiked haired guys with the most playfull name in music today.

Until next week, keep rocking out and don't forget to check out WSKB and Mark "The Porno Freak" every Thursday 6-8 PM on 89.5

-M. Hite is a Voice Columnist

Untitled

I'm in a room
Built of one-way glass.
They all can see in,
But I cannot see out.
I cup my hands over my eyes
And lean against my disability.
To try to block the reflection of myself.
And I'm pushing and pushing
Against these glass walls
In attempts to break free,
Regain my vision,
And find you.

-Anonymous

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Brian Mazzone

JED DION
A&E EDITOR

The WSKB radio program is full of fun and exciting new shows. The show ranges from classic rock to 80's flashback to heavy to talk. One such show belongs to Brian Mazzone.

Mazzone, who can be heard every Tuesday from 12 o'clock p.m, to 2 o'clock p.m. does a sports talk show with ska and punk music between chat sessions. Mazzone talks about everything from Monday night football to daily baseball games.

"Sports talk shows are kind of hard though because I don't get much feedback. So I just talk bout sports news and things like that," said Mazzone.

Mazzone a freshman majoring in Mass Communications became interested in radio as a child.

"I used to listen to the radio a lot as a kid because the television didn't always pick up games by the teams I liked. I listened to the games on the radio. I also just like to play music.

The show also features trivia questions on some of the local teams such as the Red Sox.

Some other favorite teams of Mazzone's include the New York Giants, New York Yankees, the Knicks, the Rangers, and he still has a soft spot for the Hartford Whalers.

"I don't have anything real to give away so I usually just make up the prizes. People call anyway though," said Mazzone.

Some of the tunes that can be heard on the show range from ska songs by bands like Buck-O-Nine and Five Iron Frenzy to punk songs by bands like Nofx.

Mazzone also enjoys working out and playing video games. Besides being involved with WSKB, Mazzone also takes time for flag football and intermural basketball. Playing these sports in high school, Mazzone took the oppurtunity to play them here at Westfield State.

"So far I've loved doing the show. One time, though, the person who does a show before me wasn't there and I had to start quickly and got off track," said Mazzone.

"I really like college radio. I like how its laid back, I mean all you have to worry about is the swears and stuff," said Mazzone.

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Joe Skahan punk/ska 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Nate Germain new 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Chris & Matt punk 8-10am		
Stephani Poole new 10-12pm	Andy Lamica new 10-12pm	The Duck & Venus 10-12pm	Brian Harmon ska/punk 10-12pm	Steve Camera punk 10-12pm	Joe & Katie new 10-12pm	Amanda & Holly new 10-12pm
Scott Toomey 12-2pm	Brian Mazzone 12-2pm	Michelle & Jeff 12-2pm	Nathan 12-2pm	Mike Berman 12-2pm	Bob, Corey & Brenda 12-2pm	Nick 12-2pm
Matt & Justin hip-hop/80's rock 2-4pm	Jon & Jon new & retro 2-4pm	Melissa & Kelly 2-4pm	Cyclone J new 2-4pm	Kevin & Bobb new 2-4pm	Amy & Andrea 2-4pm	Mike & Jeff jazz 2-4pm
Mike Boyd punk 4-6pm	Jim Cartier new 4-6pm	Kay Saltmarsh mix 4-6pm	Dj Radio talk/music 4-6pm	Eileen2 celtic 4-6pm	Bob & Matt new 4-6pm	Music For Your Mind 4-6pm
Melissa Saporetti 6-8pm	Ska/Punk & Other Junk 6-8pm	Warhead Show w/ Jeff Carter 6-8pm	Mark Hite metal 6-8pm	Andy Clark metal 6-8pm	Mike Dion new 6-8pm	Doc B. jazz 6-8pm
Wes & Charles hip-hop 8-10pm	Mike, Chris, Laurel & Jeff 8-10pm	Smike & Kyle punk 8-10pm	Josh Thomson ska/punk 8-10pm	April Bak new/loud 8-10pm	Saturday Night Live in the Ely Campus Center. Check it out from 8-12am Prizes!	Time Warp to the 80's 8-10pm
Everyone Loves Emo 10-12am	Andy McArdle 10-12am	Shawn & Martin electronic 10-12am	Eric & Tim 10-12am	James & Mike 10-12am		Lamont Stockey hip-hop 10-12am
Tim & Amy electronic 12-2am	Dave, Stephan & Greg 12-2am	Mike & Christian 12-2am	Kim & Katey new 12-2am		Blake & Ryan 12-2am	Mark, Kevin & Shannon 12-2am

Jeff's Cinema Scoop

JEFF CARTER

Sometimes, I really have to wonder what these major Hollywood studios are thinking. They have a nasty habit of not leaving well enough alone when it comes to greenlighting sequels that have NO business being made. For example, I give you *Terminatar 3*, which is being pushed into production soon without the involvement of the man who made Ahh-nuld a household name, James Cameron.

C-2 Pictures is currently moving ahead on the third entry in the Terminator series, with a script by Tedi Sarafian. Mario Kassar and Andrew G. Vajna are the producers of the project and they hope to begin filming in March 2001 for a summer 2002 release. Moving the film into this time-frame is not only stupid, its downright suicidal considering the cineplexes will already be bursting with blockbusters like *Batman:Year One, Matrix 2, Spider-Man, and Star Wars Episade II!*

This completely unnecessary sequel will also feature the unremarkable talents of Edward Furlong (who has done nothing since *T2*), reprising his role as John Connor, and Arnold (I'm all washed-up) Schwarzenegger returning as the loveable cyborg terminator. Linda Hamilton, who played Sarah Connor in the *Terminator* franchise, has wisely chosen not to participate in *Terminatar 3*. James Cameron, Hamilton's ex-hubbie and the wildly successful director of *Terminatars 1 and 2, Aliens, The Abyss*, and *Titanic*, has publicly stated that he is completely happy with the way *T2* ended and sees no reason for any further sequels to be made. A director has yet to be named to replace Cameron, but Internet rumors have reported Ridley Scott (*Alien, Gladiator*) is in negotiations to helm the sequel.

If you're interested in the plot for Terminator 3, please seek professional help. (I'm kidding). I'll let Mysterio, one of Ain't It Cool? News' top spies, fill you in. "It's been years past since we last saw the likes of John & Sarah Connor or any indication of a terminator. We're led to believe the future is now safe for mankind, after all Cyberdyne Systems was blown to smithereens and the two terminators left all but destroyed. But all these years gone by in peace have made John a little wary that a war with Skynet could even surmount at this point, but nevertheless still keeps an eye on Cyberdyne's mainframe computers.

Someone who's less wary is Sarah, who has now made her home, with several mercenaries, in a heavily armed and secured militia compound in the California desert, waiting for the day that Skynet might reform and mount an attack against the human race.

Still somewhat distanced from his mother, John tries to put the past events behind and lead a normal life, which includes his successful computer programming company specializing in checking and hacking into computer securities for businesses.

It's only after a meeting with Sarah he does a deep security hack into Cyberdyne Systems to discover one project in particular that is heavily secured under lock and key. A project called Skynet.

Now during the course of John's discovery, two terminators have been dispatched, one to protect and the other to destroy John Conner. It's opening rings true of Cameron's intro of the two terminators from *T2*, except that the arrival of Schwarzenegger's T-800 runs a bit long and seems a bit overly violent, more so than it really needs to be I think.

With the T-800 model dispatched, another model soon follows. This time out, it's a new prototype terminator- a female terminator, who is impossibly beautiful and genetically perfect in more ways than just looks. Say hello to the T-IG.

Once the two terminators arrive, suit up and arm themselves, the way Sarafian re-introduces the T-800 back to us I really like. It's a clever angle that I'm not going to spoil, but it worked in the script for my money.

It's hard to really delve into too much of the story without really spoiling some key moments in the script. So I'll just say that Sarafian has indeed focused the story on Skynet's rise from the ashes, so to speak, and it's beginnings becoming A.I. It's essentially a race against time for our heroes to literally try and beat the clock and destroy Skynet before they completely go A.I. and take control of the world's computer systems, which include seizing and controlling the nations nuclear weapons. This is the nightmare that haunts Sarah and the first step at eliminating mankind.

The T-IG is a superior machine, even more so than the T-1000 was, and references to it's unstoppable and in destructive make are pointed out and demonstrated in the script. What I can tell you is that the T-IG is not made from liquid metal, but made up of sentient frequency matter, which gives it abilities that, if done right, will push the special effects to the edge as *T2* did for morphing effects. It's essentially unstoppable and undestroyable.

The characters are also given some good moments for more character growth, and aren't just tossed to the side in favor for of action and heavy SFX sequences, which there are plenty enough of. It's a pretty lean a solid "un-Cameron" script but not "un-Cameron-like".

It's a nice package here as we get to see the most advanced and elite terminator model to date, and also get to witness the actual birth of Skynet and early prototype cyborg models literally coming off the factory line, armed and ready to go. We also get to know more about the Aerial Hunter Killer's shown flying about in the previous films, which are basically described as terminators in the skies.

So rest easy here fans, as I have read this script, and was really coming into it expecting to completely hate it with a passion, because like most of you, I couldn't really fathom another Terminator film without Cameron. It's a shame that for whatever reason Cameron doesn't want to be involved in completing his cyborg trilogy, but the script looks in pretty good shape, with only needing some polishing and tweaking in places here and there. It's a huge film that feels a lot like *T2* in the chase and fight sequences but adds the element of Skynet's early origins to the mix. Sarafian is clearly a fan of the films, so it's neither insulting nor disappointing to fans of the series, especially those of the last one."

It seems like Mysterio really enjoyed the script, but I still have reservations about this one. Ahh-nuld is simply not the intimidating force he once was, and without Cameron and Hamilton on board, this movie is destined for a financial and critical disaster. I'll save my box office cash for *Matrix 2* and *Star Wars Episade II*, thank you very much.

Masquerade planned for Oct. 26

-File Photo

Students dancing at the first annual Masquerade.

■ Masquerade

Continued from Page 1

certain sections of the dance. "We are taking care of the prizes and decorations," Jenn Prior, President of 2003 and co-sponsor said. "Both classes have put a lot of hard work into this event. I hope it's a success for the school," said Prior.

Costumes for this event aren't required, although they are highly recommended. "It's fun to see those who go all out," said Gregory, reminiscing of costumes past, which have included a bare-naked lady, the food groups, and a milk carton. Hard work does not go unrewarded as there are prizes for Best Costume (tickets to see The Blue Man); Runner up for Best Costume (Boston Bruin's tickets); Best Couple ($50 gift certificate to Kahunaville at the Holyoke Mall); and Best Group ($50 gift certificate to the Holyoke Mall).

The money raised for this event goes to the two sponsoring classes. This is a great fundraiser for the classes and helps pay for class functions, most notably Senior Days. Hand adds that this is a great way help to the Class of 2003, as it is "an avenue to fundraising." The canned items collected from this event will be donated to the Westfield Food Pantry.

The Helper

By: Magaly Santana

The ice-cold soul looks into the cloud of nothing
Emotionless eyes lurk to show fear,
The temple has demolished onto the dried up soil
And the whistles of cascades are close to hear.
Impure spirits call out to control that specimen
To devour the evil to the extreme,
A caved up mansion imprisons that soul
But to him, what does this all mean?
The cries of agony and despair run loose
A burning torch he will become
For the soul of pure evil is being absorbed
Which means he has not yet won.
Then an image comes forth, yet hard to see Who
or what smiles with compassion,
He extends his hand unto the prisoner
And he feels free and satisfaction.
Then the angelic being walks to those spawns of malice
His eyes of wisdom show a hurt from so long, He
spreads open the palm of each hand and shouts,
"Evil beings of Satan, be gone! Be gone!"
He who had a heart so cold
Opens his eyes to see
That the torturous realm cleared up so Leaving a
world of hope, of more than one possibility.
His heart now holds a burning fire so warm And
all his suffering shall now cease,
His soul now yearns for spiritual glee,
It yearns only for peace.
He finds another man, smiling at his face
And asks him, "That man who helped me, is he
friend or foe?"
The man smiles again saying, "a true friend,
For he gave his life for you a long time ago."

"What are you going to be for Halloween?"

" THE KARATE KID"

BRIAN MAZZONE
MASSCOM
2004

"A JANITOR"

BILL CHAPMAN
MUSIC
2002

"GLENDA THE GOOD WITCH"

SARAH KALAGHER
SOCIAL WORK
2002

"A CHARLIE'S ANGEL"

HOLLY MOREN
SECONDARY ED/ENGLISH
2003

"SHAFT"

JOHN PERRY
UNDECLARED
2004

"CAT-GIRL (AND MY ROOMMATE IS GOING TO BE A MOUSEGIRL)"

MELISSA PICKARD
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
2004

-Compiled by Megan Meehan

Commuter Council Update-

* The Commuter Council is looking for input on a new logo..submit ideas to the commuter office in Ely 147 by Nov. 13..winner chosen Nov. 14

* Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6pm in the Scanlon Living Room...tickets will be on sale soon.

* Still looking for new members...meetings are held every Tuesday at 4pm in Ely 147.

Tip of the Week: Every car's dream is to have a number on its side and be a racecar.

- Colleen Fromm
Commuter Council President

National Student Exchange

Interest Mtg. Schedule
Tues., Nov. 7@3:30 PM
Mon., Nov.13@3:30PM
Wed., Nov. 15@4:00PM
Applications avaliable in Ely rm. 131
Get info. on 170 colleges/universities in the NSE network
WSC applications for 2001-2002 year exchange are due by Jan.30, 2001.

Say What?
WSC Karaoke Contest

Wednesday, Nov. 8
Dever Aud. 7pm

Auditions:
-Monday, Nov. 6 at 7pm in Ely Main Lounge
-Your song has to be the one you intend to perform
-Sign-ups are on the front counter of your dorm, in the Music Dept., and SGA
-Bring your CD to the DJ in the Main Lounge by 6:30
-You must know how to sing part of the song without lyrics

Instructions:
-no more than 4 ppl. per group
-In the final round, each group will spin the wheel and sing the song picked
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Sat. 4p-8p
Sun. 10p-1a

Soccer

-Rosters are still being accepted for both men's and women's soccer
-Want a team? Get your rosters in ASAP!
-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Intramurals

■ Still accepting rosters for Water Polo, Coed Volleyball, 5-5 Basketball, Billiards, and Soccer

Not on a team, but want to play? Call x5424

■ All Schedules are posted in Ely outside Rm 231. Please check the schedules DAILY for game times! If you cannot make a game you are scheduled for, you MUST notify the In. office (x5424) immediately! 24 hr. notice for cancelling a game or you will receive a forfeit.

Billiards

Play Begins the week of 10/22

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Playoffs for 1-pitch Softball, Flag Football, 3-3 Basketball, and Volleyball begin the week of 10/22/00

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Women's Flag Football All-Star Classic
Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 4 PM
On Campus Green
Faculty & Staff vs. Davis Girls

Intramural Standings

1-Pitch Softball

Spearing Britney 8-1
Mandelay 7-2
BKKB 7-2
Raw Dawgs 3-1
Team Pig 1-6
Dirty Dozen 2-9
Golden Showers 0-7

Flag Football

House of Pain 10-0-1
Team Pig 8-3-0
T&A 7-3-1
Airball 7-4-0
Golden Showers 7-2-0
1 in the Stink 6-3-0
AFF 4-2-1
Raw Dawgs 4-4-0
Dirty Dozen 3-5-0
P. Clams 4-6-0
Sunset Bombers 2-9-0
Titans 0-9-0

Big Plays Foil Football Squad's Upset Bid

WESTFIELD - Fullback Jason Imlach rushed for 139 yards and a touchdown, and halfback Seto Berry rushed for 94 yards and two touchdowns to lead Bridgewater State to a 38-20 New England Football Conference victory over Westfield State.

Bridgewater improves to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC. The Owls dropped to 2-4 overall and 2-3 in the division.

Despite the Bears' ball control domination on the ground (291 yards rushing on 48 carries), it was their quick-striking offense and a big defensive play in the second half that propelled them to their fifth straight victory.

Trailing 17-6 early in the third quarter, Westfield State received excellent field position when standout defensive end Tim Corr recovered a fumbled pitch at the Bridgewater 13. On the next play, however, Westfield quarterback John Frasco's errant pitch was scooped up at the 31 by Bridgewater defensive back Paul Scarpelii (Rockland). He returned the fumble 69 yards for a touchdown to give the Bears a 24-6 lead with 10:56 left in the third quarter.

The Owls made the score 24-13 with 5:27 left in the third quarter on a 35-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Chris Bourget to freshman wide receiver Erik Consilvio.

But the big-play Bears sealed the victory early in the fourth quarter. Imlach rambled down the right sidelines 55 yards for a touchdown, which followed a key pass interference penalty on the previous play against Westfield State.

Five minutes later, quarterback Patrick Callahan hooked up with senior wide receiver Chris Carr for a 95-yard touchdown reception.

Callahan only completed 4-of-13 passes but he threw for 133 yards.

Westfield State junor Shawn Lyman had his third consecutive 100-yard rushing game (23 carries, 107 yards). Freshman wide receiver Matt Yvon of East Longmeadow had four receptions covering 73 yards, including a 22-yard touchdown with 3:37 to play.

Defensively, senior linebacker Ken Stewart posted 13 tackles, including 10 primary hits. Stewart leads the New England Football Conference in tackles per game (11.7).

Corr totaled six solo tackles, a pass breakup, and a sack in addition to his fumble recovery. Freshman back Luke Russell had nine tackles and a pass breakup, while sophomore linebacker Jaret Foley had six tackles and a fumble caused.

Junior Nikki Girolamo battles for the ball during a field hockey game vs. Plymouth State, the top-ranked team in the Little East Conference. Trailing the play is freshman B.J. Dion (left), Westfield's leading scorer. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Cross Country Hosts Invite

The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams finished fourth and seventh, respectively, in the Fifth Annual James Earley Invitational held at Stanley Park.

The Westfield men scored 106 points in the 14-team meet, trailing Wheaton (86), U-Mass Dartmouth (92), and Vassar (92).

Stephen Money of Vassar won the five-mile race with a 26:47 clocking. Jason Pappas was Westfield's top runner, finishing third in 27:19. Tom Bousquet of Chicopee was sixth (27:24).

Other top Westfield finishers were: Nick Wlodyka (28th, 29:03), Andy Krantz (39th, 29:25), Eric Nygard (43rd, 29:40), and Brian Church (50th, 30:23).

The Westfield women totaled 198 points in the 16-team meet. Coast Guard won with 44 points, followed by Wheaton (60), and Vassar (70).

Vassar's Emily Loose placed first with a time of 19:25 on the 3.1 mile layout. Senior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick was Westfield's top runner, placing 25th in 20:59. Catie Geldert was 38th in 21:42.

Other top Westfield finishers were: Kristi Lin Popoff (44th, 21:53), Sara Sechovicz (48th, 21:58), Laura Hurley (60th, 22:33), and Miranda Osgood (78th, 23:15).

There were 161 runners in the women's meet and 159 participants in the men's race.

Field Hockey Sets School Record

Westfield 4 - Salem State 1

The Westfield State field hockey team set a school record with its eighth straight victory as it defeated Salem State, 4-1.

The Owls are 10-4 overall and 4-0 in the Mass. State Conference; they clinched at least a share of the conference championship.

Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham snapped a 1-1 tie by scoring two goals in less than a minute to give the Owls a 3-1 lead with 23:31 left in the first half.

Also scoring for Westfield were Nikki Girolamo and freshman Theresa Yacovone of East Longmeadow. Senior Shannon Weaver had two assists.

Westfield 4 - AIC 0

The Westfield State College field hockey team continued its winning ways with a 4-0 victory over American International College.

The Owls upped their record to 9-4 with their seventh straight victory. The winning streak ties a school record set in 1976.

Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham scored the game-winning goal and also added two assists. Freshman Theresa Yacovone of East Longmeadow contributed a goal and an assist. Junior Teri Phipps and freshman Nicole Esten scored the other goals.

New York Fans: Please behave, the nation is watching

By Shaun Powell

Newsday

NEW YORK _ We'll be the only people watching the games. The rest of the country will watch us.

You know what they're saying today from San Francisco to Savannah, Chicago to Cheyenne, Bismarck to Buffalo. They're sizing up our city and bracing themselves for a bunch of buffoonery. They're expecting riots, beer fights, kicking, punching, pushing, shoving and scratching.

But enough about getting a seat on the D and No. 7 trains ...

Come Saturday, and for the next week, the world expects Gotham to turn gory. Animals, they call us. The World Series is about to be played before thousands of drunken, aggressive, obnoxious and violent beasts, roaming through Shea and Yankee Stadium without leashes.

Whenever they mention a full count" on TV during the games, people in Peoria will think they're about to get a fatality update. These are the images many will expect from us during Yankees vs. Mets.

These annoying stereotypes will be conjured up by the nation's media and in the minds of millions of New York-haters. Of course, we know how accurate these mean-spirited and damaging portrayals are. We know they're only partially true.

So today, my proud citizens, I bring one request: Go easy. America's watching. They're already jealous over our Broadway plays, art galleries, transportation system and culture. They're envious over the gigantic size of our buildings, pizza and rats. Now that all of baseball belongs to us, they're certain we're a self-centered and snobbish city stuck in a New York state of mind. Which we are, but that's beside the point.

Everyone on the outside expects New York to embarrass itself, to tarnish its greatness, to do something far more violent than what Roger Clemens did to Mike Piazza.

But most New Yorkers will behave in a PG-13 manner. At least this was the idea floated by the First Fan as he stood in the middle of the Yankee clubhouse, getting a champagne spray from his son. The reputation of being a cleaner and safer city will extend to the stadiums, according to Hizzoner.

"This will all be good fun," Mayor Rudy Giuliani said. Will some people get excited when they start fighting over who's better, Tino Martinez or Todd Zeile? Sure. But it's all good-natured fun.

It'll be terrific. Sure, you get real angry and upset but you respect the other side. These are baseball fans. They'll respect each other." As proof, Giuliani said he's always treated somewhat friendly at Shea despite being an unabashed Yankee fan. "Everytime I go there," he said, they yell at me, Go back to the Bronx.' But that's all."

He does have a point. For those who think we should be caged during the Subway Series, exactly when was the last time you saw violence during a New York sporting event? Sure, some threw a snowball or eight dozen during that game at Giants Stadium. But New York is quite tame compared to everywhere else. They flipped cars in downtown L.A. after the Lakers won the NBA title this summer. They nearly burned Detroit down over a Stanley Cup win. The Canadian cities have had their share of celebrations," and shall we discuss the reaction of soccer-crazed sites in Europe?

New York should do the opposite. Cheer a little. Clap a little. But mostly, confine yourself within the boundaries of good taste by following proper fan etiquette.

Met fans, if you must hurl insults at Chuck Knoblauch, send them 10 feet over his head.

Yankee fans, do not for one minute suggest Piazza has taken chemicals to alter anything besides his hair color.

Met fans, remain sensitive about the voyage El Duque took to arrive to this country. Remember, he was aboard a Carnival Cruise liner.

Yankee fans, do not ask Turk Wendell to add several of Bobby Valentine's teeth to his necklace.

Met fans, Don Zimmer is alive in the dugout. Trust me. Yankee fans, do not bring up John Rocker to the Mets. Met fans, do not mention the Nets to the Yankees.

Yankee fans, just because Valentine has an enormous ego doesn't mean he can't be a humble and likable guy. Met fans, just because George Steinbrenner has an enormous ego doesn't mean he can't be a humble and likable guy.

All Yankee fans should respect what Darryl Strawberry did to help the Mets win a championship instead of digging up all the dirt. All Met fans should respect what Strawberry did to help the Yankees win a championship instead of digging up all the dirt.

That's the proper way to behave for the next week. The Subway Series is almost guaranteed to gather a large audience, none of which will be interested in the spirited game on the field, only the one in the stands. So New Yorkers should keep in mind that an image is at stake here.

We should refrain from any nonsense. Or at least wait until TV breaks for a commercial.

Fall Squads Peak For Championship Run

By Mickey Curtis, SID

This is the beginning of Championship Week, Part I, for the Westfield State College fall sports teams.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, Westfield State plays host to two key games. In a game tentatively scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at Alumni Field, the Westfield State field hockey team will host a first round playoff game in the Little East Conference Tournament. The Owls earned the right to host the game by finishing in the top four in the 11-team conference. Seven teams qualify for the postseason play.

If Westfield wins its first round test, it will travel to top seeded Plymouth State this weekend for the conference's Final Four. The winner of the postseason tournament receives an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The Owls lost to Plymouth State, 3-2, in a game in which they held 1-0 and 2-1 leads. Westfield entered last Thursday night's game at Keene State with a 10-4 overall and a school-record eight-game winning streak.

On Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., the Westfield State women's volleyball team hosts rival Bridgewater State in a match that will determine the Mass. State Conference regular season champion. Both teams are 6-0 in the eight-team conference. Tuesday's big matchup in the Owl Dome also will determine the No. 1 seed for the conference postseason tournament, scheduled for Nov. 3 and 4 at Salem State.

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, the Westfield women's soccer team will play an opening round game in the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament, which includes four of the seven teams. The Owls concluded their regular season with a conference record of 4-2, good enough for second place. If favored Bridgewater defeated Fitchburg State this past Saturday, the Owls would finish tied for second place and travel to Bridgewater for a semifinal game.

The men's soccer team concludes its conference regular season this Friday when it hosts Fitchburg State at 7:00 p.m. Barring any upsets, the Owls will host a semfinal game on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Worcester State is seeded No. 1 in the postseason tournament.

As of this writing, Westfield State was the only conference school to qualify for all three postseason tournaments, which were just established this year. The only other college that could qualify for the three tourneys is Worcester State.

High Honors

Westfield State's outstanding fall sports seasons have given the student-athletes the individual recogniton they deserve. Two weeks ago four Owls earned Conference Player of the Week honors, and the previous week Janet Bourget was named women's soccer Player of the Week for scoring five goals in two games.

The field hockey team is led by the Waltham Freshmen Connection of B.J. Dion and Renee Gahan, who have accounted for more than half (18) of Westfield's 35 goals in its otherwise balanced scoring attack. Dion was named Little East Conference Player of the Week for scoring the game-winning goals in three straight games, while Gahan was named Rookie of Week.

Senior Andrew Lewis was selected men's soccer Player of the Week for scoring the game-winning goal vs. Bridgewater State and recording four assists in a 10-1 rout of Framingham State.

Senior Karl Labadforf (90 points) and Lewis (85) are now ranked 10th and 13th, respectively, on the Owls' all-time scoring charts.

Sophomore Katelyn Foley was named women's volleyball Player of the Week for her efforts in conference matches vs. Framingham State and Worcester State. She registered 35 kills during the week, including 32 percent of her attempts vs. Framingham.

Westfield's Ken Stewart and Tim Corr have been familiar names on the weekly honor roll in the 14-team New England Football Conference. Stewart, a linebacker, leads the conference in tackles per game (11.7). Corr continues to create havoc from this defensive end position; he ranks third in the conference in sacks, sixth in tackles for losses, and first in fumbles recovered and caused. Sophomore Jason Oliveri ranks second in passes defended, and senior John Frasco is the conference's best punter (39.4 average).

A Look Ahead

While the fall sports teams are gearing towards peaking as their seasons draw to a close, the winter sports squads already have begun preparing for their promising seasons. In fact, the women's swimming and diving team of veteran coach David Laing opens its season this Saturday afternoon with a home meet vs. Simmons College.

The basketball squads open regular-season play the weekend of Nov. 17, but they do have several home scrimmages scheduled. The women's basketball squad has an Alumni Game scheduled for Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4, and a scrimmage vs. St. Joseph's of West Hartford on Nov. 7. The men's team hosts Holyoke Community College on Nov. 1 and Springfield College on Nov. 4.

Both basketball squads are entered in top-flight tournaments to tip off the season. The women will play New Jersey power William Paterson in the opening round of the Vassar Tournament in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on Nov. 17. The men's team plays the host team in the Wheaton Tournament on Nov. 18.

The men's team is also scheduled to play in the Williams Tournament on Dec. 1-2; its first-round opponent is Alfred, N.Y. The women's team, meanwhile, has a special trip planned this year during the semester break. The veteran squad will fly to Florida to compete in the Land of Magic Classic in Daytona Beach. The Owls will play Wisconsin La Crosse on Dec. 29 and New England power Southern Maine on Dec. 30. The team will then travel to Orlando where it will celebrate the New Year.

Women's Soccer Blanks MCLA, 2-0

Westfield State clinched a berth in the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament with a 2-0 home victory over Massachusetts College.

The Owls are 7-8 overall and finished conference play with a 4-2 record.

Senior Krista DiCarlo scored the game-winning goal with 17 minutes left in the first half. Junior Joy Flaherty scored with five seconds left in the game. Sophomore Janet Bourget assisted on both goals.

Goalie Meghan McHale earned the shutout and recorded five saves.

Bridgewater 2 - Westfield 0

BRIDGEWATER - Kathy Milch's goal in the 73rd minute broke a scoreless tie and lifted Bridgewater State to a 2-0 shutout victory over Westfield State.

Both teams are now 6-8 overall and 3-2 in the Mass. State Conference.

Freshman standout Kimberly Rhodes added an insurance goal on a breakaway with 40 seconds remaining.

Bridgewater outshot Westfield, 17-13.

Home Games This Week

Tuesday, Oct. 24
Field Hockey Tournament, 6:00
Volleyball vs. Bridgewater, 7:00

Friday, Oct. 27
Men's Soccer vs. Fitchburg State, 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 28
Football vs. Nichols, 1:00
Women's Swimming vs. Simmons, 1:00

Seniors Karl Labadorf, left, and Andrew Lewis ranked 10th and 13th, respectively on the Westfield State men's soccer team's all-time scoring list heading into the final week of the regular season. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

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Men's Soccer Shuts Out Mass. College, Bridgewater

Westfield 1 - Mass. College 0

NORTH ADAMS - Sophomore Chris Whalley's successful penalty kick with 25 minutes remaining in the game lifted Westfield State to a key 1-0 men's soccer victory over Massachusetts College.

The Owls are now 9-4 overall and 4-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Mass. College dropped to 3-2 in the conference and 6-8 overall.

Whalley, a former standout at Southwick High School, stroked the game-winning shot into the upper right corner.

Westfield has now won four straight games.

Westfield 2 - Bridgewater 0

A strong second-half effort lifted the Westfield State men's soccer team to a 2-0 victory over Bridgewater State.

The Owls are now 8-4 overall and 3-1 in the Mass. State Conference heading into next Tuesday's key game vs. Massachusetts College in North Adams.

Both teams took three shots in the evenly played first half, but Westfield dominated the second half, outshooting the visitors, 13-1.

Senior forward Andrew Lewis of Danvers scored in the 51st minute on a 15-yard blast into the right corner. Assisting were senior Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham and sophomore David Gadouas of Chicopee.

Freshman Jay Chelo of Ludlow scored an insurance goal with 6:09 remaining when he deflected a shot by sophomore Chris Whalley of Southwick into the net from 10 yards out.

Volleyball Improves To 6-0 In MASCAC

FRAMINGHAM - The Westfield State women's volleyball team remained in first place in the Mass. State Conference as it swept conference opponents Framingham State (15-9, 15-4, 15-1) and Worcester State (15-1, 15-6, 16-14).

The Owls are now 8-6 overall and 6-0 in the conference. Westfield State hosts Bridgewater on Oct. 24 in its final conference game; Bridgewater also is undefeated in conference play.

Katelyn Foley had 10 kills and four service aces vs. Framingham, which had entered the match with a 13-2 overall record. Sarah Cormier totaled 17 assists, six kills, two aces, and three digs. Freshman Rachel Allgaier had four service aces.

Amherst 3 - Westfield State 0

The Westfield State College women's volleyhall team was swept by a strong Amherst squad 15-5, 15-3, 15-7.

Amherst upped its record to 18-3, while Westfield is 8-7.

Junior Sarah Cormier had 19 assists for the Owls and senior Larissa Farrell had eight kills.

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Please drop off non-perishable items in Parenzo mailroom by Dec. 1st

Commuter Council is looking for members..info. in the Commuter Column

Reminder:
1st yr. students who paid for the new student record please pick up your book at the Campus Center service window
M-F 9 to 4

SPRING BREAK
trip to San Fransisco
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No pre-requisites
Cost is $1300
Contact Prof. Kotzen

Vietnam course in spring
Prof. Sossaman
not in the course booklet
ENGL-0296

Personals

Parko, Shower + soap+everyday=clean

Foley, Fat, Dumb, and Drunk - It's no way to go through life

Happy 22nd Bday, Jenn! - Julie

Watch out for the Dirty Sanchez!

Is there a chicken coop in Courtney 387?

Whoever wants the shocker, come to 1A1 this Thursday night

KF is Hot.

Mine, Mine, Mine..The goat is mine, I guess.

Erin R. is the hottest girl on the soccer team!

I wish I lived on Summer St. because all the girls are hot!

J. B., you are my soulmate..will you marry me?

Janet and Karen roll with the Bees

Clark, let's play dress up.

Funday- Monday's at Union St.

O'Leary, heard you're getting married..who's the lucky guy?

O'Neil, baddah, laddah, La Bamba!

Where have all the gentlemen gone?

Where's my watch? Oh, it's on Ebay 307.

Shut up, Christine, just shut up.

Gibla, Uncle Jesse says all mugs and no drugs.

Lydia- is it your turn to go to class and my turn to take off my pants?

PJ - I miss you - girl 2 center Courtney

Why does my section, wait no, that's not cigarettes.

Danny Fitz, trust me, that's not a rash!

The Steve n'Pete radio show is friggin awesome
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Do not let the female baboons flamming catcher's mitt tempt you...it can only lead to a weird court trial or something.

picklemix=skeeter

How can I choose classes for next semester when I didn't even go to my classes for this semester.

Subway now only accepts ID, blood type and urine sample.

We love you, Hesper! Happy Birthday. Love, Colleen, Steph and Jess

Mangos and flowers and tigers - oh my!

John S. is really cute. And, no, I'm not kidding.

Smile Dumbo! We love you

How fair is it that homosexual couples can room togther but not straight couples?

You can't pay for the pizza with change, right Scott?

Lurch- where are you? I miss you- Love Wed. nite

How do you spell EGO? C-O-U-R-T-N-E-Y- 350

I love Ali and Jess. Lammers C110 you are sexy, too.

Alicen Elizabeth, and MissT- Thank you both for making my days at WSC a little bit brighter! I am so lucky to have you gals in my life. Luv yas- Robin

The student body should thank Res life for the suit-case campus they live on.

To my love, I will always love you- ST 2000

I love the bubble

Big Mac the ladies snack, eat one more burger and you'll have a heart attack.

Foley, we miss you in 470.

The 4th floor lammers opinion of their RA isn't suprising considering the section- they were obvioiusly drunk.

Blanch, nice guy- hairy back.

Come to me my nubian princess

Happy 21st Bithday Salvti!!We love you.

Beware, Justine is 21- n+v

Hey Kyle- why you always driving in front of the Junior high at 2:30?

Walmsley kid first words were "Rib it, Rib it"

Hi Homer

Have there been any sightings?

Erica- what are you doing with the Dasani?

Can anybody stop the 16th men in 3-on-3 bball?

Dugan- where are your paints?

The SGA is open to everyone. If you want a voice, please attend.

Sloth loves Chunk.

Stew, leave freshman soccer girl alone.

McLaughlin- why do you have shaving cream on your arms?

The Boys in rm 312 in Courtney shave each other while watching Richard Simmons videos on a regular basis.

3 center court- get tested

I cant remember a day gone by when I wasn't drunk or high #17

Tiff, is it below the balls?

I love boys.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

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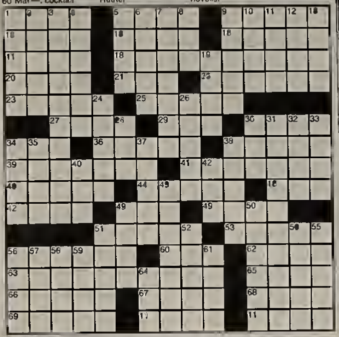

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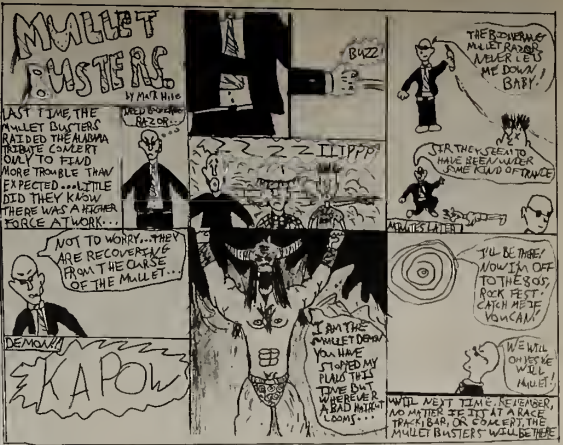
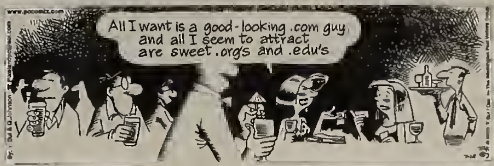
CHAOS by Brian Shuster

"Well chief, there's no sign of the body, but I think we found a clue."


MULLET BUSTERS
by Mark Hile
LAST TIME, THE MULLET BUSTERS RAIDED THE ALABAMA TRIBUTE CONCERT ONLY TO FIND MORE TROUBLE THAN EXPECTED...LITTLE DID THEY KNOW THERE WAS A HIGHER FORCE AT WORK...
NEED BOOMERANG RAZOR...
BUZZ!
THE BOOMERANG MULLET RAZOR NEVER LETS ME DOWN BABY!
ZZZIIIPPP
SIR THEY SEEM TO HAVE BEEN UNDER SOME KIND OF TRANCE
MINUTES LATER
NOT TO WORRY...THEY ARE RECOVERING FROM THE CURSE OF THE MULLET...
DEMON!!
KAPOW
I AM THE MULLET DEMON YOU HAVE STOPPED MY PLANS THIS TIME BUT WHEREVER A BAD HAIRCUT LOOMS...
I'LL BE THERE! NOW I'M OFF TO THE 80'S ROCK FEST. CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!
WE WILL OH YES WE WILL MULLET!
UNTIL NEXT TIME, REMEMBER, NO MATTER IF ITS AT A RACE TRACK, BAR, OR CONCERT, THE MULLET BUSTERS WILL BE THERE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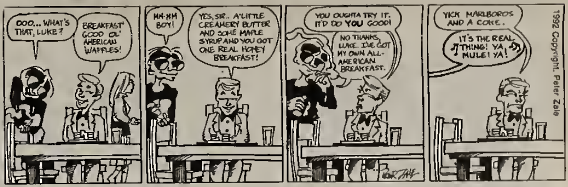
OOO... WHAT'S THAT, LUKE?
BREAKFAST! GOOD OL' AMERICAN WAFFLES!
MM-MM BOY!
YES, SIR... A LITTLE CREAMERY BUTTER AND SOME MAPLE SYRUP AND YOU GOT ONE REAL HONEY BREAKFAST!
YOU OUGHTA TRY IT. IT'D DO YOU GOOD!
NO THANKS, LUKE. I'VE GOT MY OWN ALL-AMERICAN BREAKFAST.
YICK MARLBOROS AND A COKE.
IT'S THE REAL THING! YA MULE! YA!
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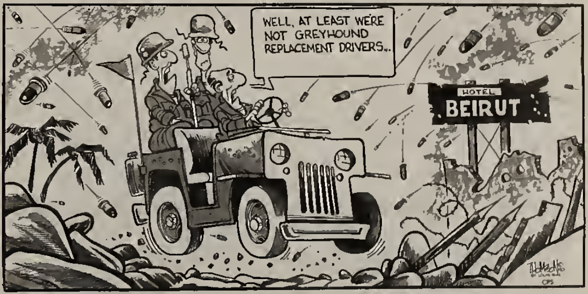
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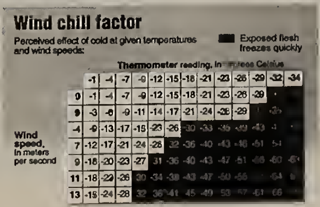

Wind chill factor

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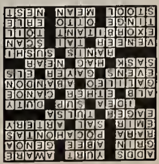

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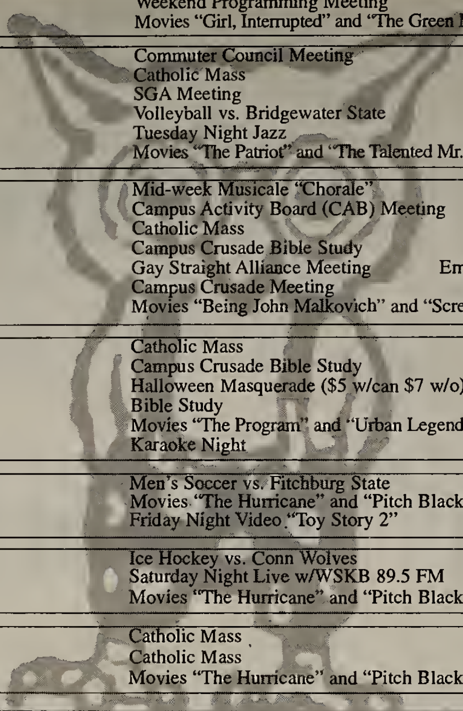

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Tue 10/24	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Bridgewater State	Parenzo Gym
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Patriot" and "The Talented Mr. Ripley"	Channels 56&57
Wed 10/25	3:30 p.m.	Mid-week Musicale "Chorale"	Dever Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Email: wsc_gsa_1@hotmail.com
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Being John Malkovich" and "Scream 3"	Channels 56&57
Thur 10/26	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Halloween Masquerade ($5 w/can $7 w/o)	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Program" and "Urban Legend"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 10/27	7:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer vs. Fitchburg State	Athletic Field
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Hurricane" and "Pitch Black"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Video "Toy Story 2"	Ely Lower Lounge
Sat 10/28	7:00 p.m.	Ice Hockey vs. Conn Wolves	Amelia Ice Arena
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Hurricane" and "Pitch Black"	Channels 56&57
Sun 10/29	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Hurricane" and "Pitch Black"	Channels 56&57

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Public schools, Westfield State join in professional development program

By Public Affairs
Special to the Voice

Five Westfield elementary schools have joined with Westfield State College in creating a program for professional development that should benefit both elementary school teachers and the college's education majors.

The program, named Westfield Professional Development School Network, is funded this year by a $10,000 planning grant under the Eisenhower Professional Development Project administered by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. Nitza Hidalgo, professor of education at Westfield State, is the project director.

Hidalgo said the program

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Charlie Chaplin wins best costume

-Photos byRJ Burgess III

Hundreds of students went to this year's Halloween Masquerade. Clockwise: Smurfs, Best Group Costume; Charlie Chaplin, Best Costume; Butcher and Table, Best Couple Costume; Dancers.

By Jackie Stutervant
Voice Reporter

Thursday, October 26, saw the fourth annual Halloween Masquerade dance. Ghosts and goblins alike united for this festive event that was co-sponsored by the Classes of 2001 and 2003. Roughly 700 vastly attired people attended this event that took place in the Scanlon Banquet Hall at 8:00 p.m. and went until 12:00 a.m.

The biggest event of the evening was, of course, the costume judging contest, which took place around 11 o'clock. Taking the prize—$50 gift certificate to the Holyoke Mall—for Best Group were the Smurfs. (Kara Wolanski, Stacy Goodwin, Jill Wilson, Mellissa Kirkorian, Brandy Gagnon, and Katie DiRocco, all seniors.) They were quite excited about winning. "I can't believe we beat the banana split. We finally won," Wolanski said. (The banana split was unavailable for comment.)

The Runner-Up for Best Couple were the Magician and the Rabbit

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Conlogue asks SGA if they're willing to pay for soap and towel dispensers

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Jon Conlogue, director of residential life, had resident directors go down to the weekly Student Government Association meeting last Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. to introduce themselves.

Conlogue was asked, "Is there a way to get soap dispensers in the bathrooms?" Conlogue replied that the reason students have to supply their own toiletries is to "prevent vandalism and to keep costs down." Conlogue mentioned the possibility of soap and towel dispensers, but resident hall costs may go up. Conlogue asked, "Are you willing to pay for it?"

Shalimar Colon, SGA student trustee, announced that "the next student forum will be held [November 1 at 7:00pm]." The location has changed to the Scanlon living room. This student forum is for education majors, and

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333 move may change class times next fall

Some students and faculty members concerned with proposal

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

Class times may change for the Fall 2001 semester due to problems with the amount of passing time since the '333' building was acquired by Westfield State College.

President Woodward said, "We originally talked about extending the time [in between classes] before classes even began at '333', but we thought it would be sufficient the way it was at the time. We realize now that a little more time would be helpful to students, but a finalized decision has not been made."

Vice-President Arthur Jackson said that class times could not be changed as early as next semester.

"The class times for the spring semester are printed a semester before the spring, so it's too late to have passing time changed for next semester, but it can happen in the Fall of 2001," said Jackson." We are hoping to allow 15 minutes in between classes rather than the 10 minutes there is now; however, we do not recommend that students take back-to-back classes from '333' to Main Campus if they can avoid it," said Jackson.

At the '333' Forum two weeks ago, Mandy Miranda, president of Student Government, said that she is always late for her 9:30 a.m. class because the bus is late picking her up at '333'.

Woodward said that class times will have to change to accommodate a longer passing time between periods, due to concerns like Miranda's. "We cannot extend the academic day later because of the teacher's contracts; however, we can go earlier, and most likely will begin classes at 8:00 a.m. like most other schools

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-Photo by RJ Burgess

The Owl Express brings students from front of Scanlon Hall to 333.

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Andy Johnson's favorite thing about WSC is its friendly people. He also loves his family and lobster.

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Two women died in the terrorist attack on the U.S. Cole two weeks ago, so where's all the controversy?

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Western MA rooted rock band Almost Speechless is semi-national.
Check out their review Special to the Voice.

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Some members of college community concerned with changing class times

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do, " said Woodward.

Professor Michael Engel of the Political Science Department said that this possible change had not been discussed with the faculty as far as he knew. "It may have been discussed with the department chairs, but not with the faculty...not to my knowledge anyway. I don't personally like teaching my classes that early. If they decide to do this, I hope that they do consult the faculty," said Engel.

An earlier class time may be unhealthy for many students, said Professor Buzz Hoagland. "Personally, I get here at 6 a.m. anyway, so I would love to teach that early; however, I just read a study that said that sleep hormones are still produced in people ages 18-20 until 8:30 a.m. An earlier class time might not be the healthiest thing for the students. It isn't fair for us to offer classes like that. I teach an 8:30 now, and I watch students struggle to stay awake, and it isn't their fault. We should extend the day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. so that students will be able to stay awake for classes," said Hoagland.

When students were asked about the possible time change in classes, responses were negative.

"It is a bad idea because it means we have to get up that much earlier, and it takes 15 minutes to walk there anyway. The bus is never there on time, so it takes that much longer to get there," said Charlie Glover, class of 2004.

"I really don't think we should have to get up that early," said Beth Lavoie, class of 2004.

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From the Editor's Desk

"People often say that, in democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those people who make themselves heard and vote – a very different thing."

-Walter H. Judd

When did apathy become the plague that would give power back to the few instead of in the hands of the masses? Our forefathers would be disappointed to hear that in the last election for President of the United States, about 50% of eligible voters did not cast a ballot.

Because neither candidate is bold enough to take a drastic stand to separate themselves completely from their opponent, we are left with a foggy glimpse as to the true intentions of the future leader of the free world. I fear that voters may cast their vote for the candidate with the personality they prefer more, rather than the issues, which many feel are insignificant and not worthy of deep thought.

Hopefully, the American people will not treat this election like a popularity contest and take it seriously, while carefully consulting their morals and values. For those of you out there wise enough not to indifferently protest the right to vote on November 7, what follows is a condensed version of some of the issues that affect us all and will be affected by the winning candidate whether we realize it or not…

Abortion

Democratic candidate Al Gore is pro-choice. He believes that a woman should have the right to a legal abortion and that they should be "safe and rare." His running mate Joe Lieberman is also pro-choice. They want to reinforce security around clinics to protect doctors who perform abortions and the patients that seek their services. In Congress, Gore co-sponsored the Freedom of Choice Act and once stated that a woman's right to choose "will be safe with me as your president."

Republican candidate George W. Bush is pro-life. He does make exceptions for rape, incest and if the life of the mother is at risk. His running mate Dick Cheney is also pro-life and while in Congress voted against the use of federal funds for abortions, with no exception for rape or incest.

Affirmative Action

Gore and Lieberman are both for affirmative action. Gore says he's for "the passage of hate crimes law" in the nation and also said that he would issue an executive order to ban racial profiling by law enforcement.

Bush opposes affirmative action while his running mate has been conservative on the issue. Bush claims he's for "affirmative access." He cites record of appointing 258 African Americans to Texas government positions, out of 3,017 positions available.

Homosexual Rights

Gore strongly supports laws to end on-the-job discrimination against gays and lesbians. He backs hate-crimes laws that include sexual discrimination. Although he opposes gay marriages, he went on record stating that he is willing to support legal protections for "domestic partnerships." He supports civil unions, healthcare for same-sex partnerships and the rights of gays to adopt. Gore and Lieberman, who has been attacked by other Orthodox Jews for his support of gay issues, are both against President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell policy." Gore vowed to "eliminate this unacceptable form of discrimination" if president.

Bush and Cheney both oppose the extension of hate crime laws to protect gays as well as homosexual adoption. Bush said he's a "don't ask, don't tell" man and opposes employment anti-discrimination laws to protect gays as well as same sex marriages. He said that he would not encourage gay members of his cabinet to be out of the closet, "An openly known homosexual is somebody who probably wouldn't share my philosophy." Cheney is not known as an ally of the gay community voting against federal hate crimes law in 1998; however, if elected, he will become the highest-ranking political family ever to have an openly gay child. To date, Cheney and his wife have remained silent about their daughter's homosexuality.

Gun Control

Gore supports gun control legislation, including mandatory background checks at gun shows. He also supported a ban on assault weapons and supported the Brady Law, which has kept over 300,000 felons from buying guns. He supports mandatory registration of new handguns and a state-run system of photo-ID licensing for handgun owners. The coalition to Stop Gun Violence rated Lieberman 100% on his votes concerning guns.

Bush opposes new gun laws favoring tougher enforcement of existing laws. He also opposes the Brady Law's required waiting period before gun purchases. He supports the law allowing citizens to carry concealed weapons and passed such legislation where he made it legal to carry concealed weapons in public places, amusement parks, hospitals, and churches. He does support the continued ban on assault weapons but opposes registering and licensing laws. In 1985, Cheney voted to weaken gun control laws and against a ban on armor-piercing bullets. Bush and Cheney are the pro-gun ticket.

Environment

Gore has been a longtime supporter of public lands. He is against drilling for oil in Alaska's Arctic Wildlife Refuge and has prioritized reducing oil consumption. He supports the Kyoto treaty, which will reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. The Sierra club gave Lieberman a 100% score for voting their preferred positions.

Bush objects to the Clinton-Gore proposal to protect 40 million acres of roadless areas of national forests; he prefers more logging and road construction. Bush favors drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife refuge to become less dependent on foreign crude oil. He opposes the Kyoto treaty to slow global warming. Texas is ranked forty-ninth among states in the amount of money it devotes to its parks and the city of Houston is ranked among the worst smog cities in the country. He opposes programs in Texas to protect wilderness areas and endangered species. In 1995, he supported a law permitting landowners to sue the government for the cost of obeying environmental regulations.

Supreme Court Justices

The next President of the United States will appoint the next three justices of the Supreme court who will be interpreting the Constitution for the next 30 to 40 years. Their decisions will affect civil rights, disability rights, antitrust law, and environmental law. As of now, the Supreme court has placed restrictions on affirmative action and is one vote away from abolishing it. Should Bush become president, he will put the court in the hands of social conservatives. Many fear that a Republican vote will most certainly overturn Roe vs. Wade.

So if you're not sure who to vote for, I hope this editorial helped you to come to a conclusion. The Gore/Lieberman ticket is pro-choice, pro-environment, pro-affirmative action, pro-homosexual rights, and pro-gun control. The Bush/Cheney ticket is the complete opposite.

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Collaboration to improve education

■ Collaboration

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includes inviting elementary school teachers to share their experience with college's education students and having members of the college faculty share their expertise with elementary school teachers and administrators.

"We believe that a close collaboration between the public schools and institutions of higher learning offers more professional development opportunities for teachers and also enhances the field experience for our student teachers," she said. "It is a reciprocal relationship. We started this in October, 1999, having conversations with teachers and administrators from the Westfield Public Schools, and we got a really positive and enthusiastic response," Hidalgo said. "We invited all of the city's elementary schools to participate."

The schools that joined in the program are Abner Gibbs, Franklin Avenue, Highland, Moseley and Southampton Road. Westfield Superintendent of Schools James Shea praised the working relationship between the college and the public school system. "I am quite pleased with the collaborative effort," he said. "The outcome is we will all grow professionally."

The superintendent will be among the speakers at the network retreat set for 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, in Scanlon Hall on campus. Two presenters, Marcia Bromfield, director of Field Placement and Professional Development Schools at Lesley College; and Karen O'Connor, executive director of the Massachusetts Field Center for Teaching and Learning, will share their experience in school/college partnerships.

Other speakers from the college will include William Lopes, senior vice president for academic affairs, and Joan Rasool, associate dean for education.

One element of the program is the Teacher in Residence. This is a one-year position at the college that allows a Westfield teacher to work directly with education students. This year's Teacher in Residence is Leslie Clark-Yvon of the Franklin Avenue Elementary School. Besides Hidalgo, college faculty organizers include Marion Templeton, project manager; Trudy Knowles, Jane Nagle, Barbara Goff and Clark-Yvon.

The collaboration may result in such activities as workshops for Westfield State students led by the elementary school teachers, workshops led by Westfield State faculty at the elementary schools, reviewing the college's education programs, having faculty research projects in the schools and creating a newsletter and website.

"Both the Westfield State and Westfield Public Schools administrations have been very supportive of this project," Hidalgo said.

Campus Activities Board plans hypnotist show and "Say What? Karaoke Contest"

■ SGA

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it is advised that all people in this major should attend.

The food services committee reported that there are two rumors in the air regarding the dining facilities. The first rumor is that "they are remodeling the [Dining Commons] this summer." The second rumor is that they may be changing the meal plans. Neither rumors were said to be true or false, but they will update with further information. The committee also reported that they would like to see more choices regarding vegetarian meals.

Maggie Smith, SGA vice president of programming, said that tickets for Frank Santos are on sale at the service window for $2. This event is being held November 5 at 7:00 p.m in Dever Auditorium. Smith said that due to popularity "[Tickets] could possibly sell out, so get them early." Smith also announced the grand prize for the "Say What? WSC Karaoke Contest." The prize includes a limo ride for four to New York to attend a taping of the "Conan O'Brian Show" and time in New York to shop. After the winner's day in New York he or she will come back in the limo around midnight.

Voice of The Week

Andy Johnson

POSITION AT WSC: ASSOC. DIRECTOR OF THE CAMPUS CENTER

HOMETOWN: BANGOR, MAINE

FAMILY: 1 BROTHER, 1 SISTER

YEAR AT WSC: 20+

HOBBIES: FISHING WITH 3 YR. OLD SON

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: THE PEOPLE ARE VERY FRIENDLY

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: DISTANCE FROM MY FAMILY

PERSON HE WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: HIS GRANDMOTHER...SHE WAS A TEACHER AND WAS NOT ALLOWED TO TEACH WHITE STUDENTS

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COMPILED BY LAURA GIBSON

Masquerade draws hundreds

■ Masquerade

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Rabbit in the Hat, Brian Kelley, '01 and Mandi Chevers, Vice President of the Class of '01. They won a gift certificate to the Crazy Moon. The Best Couple prize was awarded to Colin Grabowski, '02 and Maria Mennella, '01, as a butcher and the table. They received the $50 gift certificate to Kahunaville in the Holyoke Mall. "It was all in good fun. We wanted to win Blue Man Group tickets, but we'll settle for Kahunaville," Grabowski said. "I'm happy we won," Mennella added.

The 'Old-timers' are Masquerade vets.

-Photo by RJ Burgess III

The Runner-Up Best Costume winner was Theresa McNeil, '04 as an outhouse. (Yes, complete with toilet paper.) She won Boston Bruins tickets, upon which she said, "I gotta pee." And the winner for the Best Costume went to the impeccable impersonator of Charlie Chaplin. (Joe Cronin, '04.) "I just love dressing up and acting as the Little Tramp. It's a lot of fun and I'm glad people liked it," Cronin said.

All in attendance seemed to enjoy one of Westfield State College's biggest social events. "I think this is great. It's my first year here and I'm enjoying the exciting festivities," Sarah Bordonaro, Class '04 commented. "It is a wonderful time...and a chance to enjoy Halloween safely," Jeff Trask, Class '02 added. "The rabbit in the hat has a cute butt," noted Kelley. "It was a hoppin' good time," replied Chevers. (The aforementioned rabbit.) The Slim Jim Man's (Chris Ward, '01) only comment was "Eat me."

When asked how he was enjoying the evening, Charlie Chaplin merely said "Silence." The two grumpy old men, Frankie and Ernest, (Scott Minkler, '02 and Paul Lyons '01) forgot the question at hand—are you having a good time—but did remark that "The Yankees suck," and to "Stay Young."

Jocelyn Gregory, President of the Class of 2001, the co-sponsor of the event, was very pleased with the way the evening turned out. "This was the best one we've ever had," Gregory said. There were "some of the best costumes ever," some of which were "unbelievable," and "creative." "The DJ [Club T] is awesome. I can't say enough...it was an awesome turnout." Gregory, a senior, was a part of the first Masquerade four years ago. "I can't believe it's my last one. I'm gonna miss it."

The cost to attend was $5 with a canned good and $7 without. The cans collected are to be donated to the Westfield Food Pantry.

Karaoke Night
Thursday
November 2nd
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'Killed in action:' Is gender an issue?

BY THOMAS RICKS AND STEVE VOGEL
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON - In the tense hours after the bombing of the USS Cole on Oct. 12, Chris Ferretti was among the spouses who waited anxiously at Norfolk Naval Station for news about their loved ones aboard the crippled ship in faraway Yemen.

But unlike most of the others, Chris Ferretti is a man. When his wife, Petty Officer 2nd Class Loretta Lynn Taylor Ferretti, finally was able to call, she told him that she had been very lucky. Shortly before the blast, she decided to skip lunch in favor of a nap. She was asleep when the explosion hit the ship's mess hall.

The attack on the Cole, which appears to have been the first major terrorist attack on a U.S. warship, also marked another milestone: It was the first time that women permanently assigned to a Navy combatant ship have died in an attack on that ship, according to Lt. Jane Alexander, a Navy spokeswoman. She chose those words carefully because the Navy is not sure whether a female nurse ever was killed while serving temporarily on a warship.

Two of the 17 sailors who died aboard the Cole were women - Lakeina M. Francis, 19, of Woodleaf, N.C., and Lakiba Nicole Palmer, 22, of San Diego - a fact the country appears to have taken pretty much in stride.

``Whether they're male or female doesn't matter," said Rear Adm. John Foley, commander of naval surface forces for the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. ``The focus has been on all Cole sailors."

``The story is that there is no story," said another senior Navy officer. ``The media didn't say, 'Holy mackerel.' "

Academic experts on the military also have noted the lack of controversy. ``I have to admit to being surprised that there was no media coverage related to the fact that women died aboard the Cole," said Juanita Firestone, a military sociologist at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

But there is sharp disagreement among the experts about what this means.

One school says the large, and growing, role of women in the military is now widely accepted. ``I think the American public has gotten used to women being killed in the line of duty, not only in the military, but as police officers," said Mady Wechsler Segal, a sociologist at the University of Maryland.

Adds retired Navy Capt. Georgia Sadler, ``The public understands that people who serve in the military can be killed, regardless of their gender. Thus, the public is taking the deaths of women in stride, and, rightfully, mourning for all the casualties of the Cole as sailors and heroes."

The other, more conservative view is that the American people's tolerance for the deaths of female soldiers and sailors has not been put to a full test.

``I suspect this is not yet the crossroads," said Cap Parlier, a retired Marine Corps test pilot.

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> -Rear Admiral John Foley

In the Cole bombing, he noted, ``the public never saw bodies, just a big hole in the side of the ship, a number of flag-draped caskets, some names and portrait photographs." He said he believes that the public will react vigorously when it someday sees photographs of ``the semi-nude body of a female pilot being dragged through the streets of some Third World country."

Both schools agree that the 1991 Persian Gulf War was a watershed. Before that, most women in combat theaters were nurses.

During World War I, according to the Defense Department, no military women died in action, but 102 were felled by influenza and injury. During World War II, 16 nurses were killed in action, 14 died in aircraft crashes and other accidents, and 312 were killed by disease. Fifteen nurses died in Korea, and 10 in Vietnam.

But the Gulf War was the first time that American women went to war in large numbers as combatants. Some 37,000 were sent to the Gulf region, making up 7 percent of total U.S. forces there. Five Army women were killed in action, and nine others died in accidents, according to the Pentagon.

In an even greater shock for public opinion, two U.S. women were taken prisoner by Iraqi troops. Early in the war, Spec. Melissa Rathbun-Nealy became the first female American POW since World War II when she was captured while driving an Army truck in Saudi Arabia near the Kuwaiti border. Later on, then-Maj. Rhonda Comum, a flight surgeon, was shot down while on a combat search-and-rescue mission over Iraq.

Rathbun-Nealy later declined to discuss her experiences as a prisoner, but Comum made headlines when she disclosed that she had been sexually assaulted.

Overall, the Gulf War was seen by many women as a successful test of their expanded place in the U.S. military. ``Women performed vital roles, under stress, and performed well," concluded the section on female personnel in the Pentagon's official report to Congress on the ``Conduct of the Persian Gulf War."

After that conflict, the Pentagon dropped a variety of restrictions, and today 92 percent of military career fields are open to women, including virtually all combat jobs in the Navy and Air Force, except in Special Operations and aboard submarines. In the Army, women fly attack helicopters but are still barred from most ground combat roles in the infantry, artillery, armor and combat engineer branches.

There is general agreement among the experts that, given the large number of women in combat billets, the next time the United States fights a large-scale ground war, women may die in large numbers. Also, analysts say, the nature of warfare is changing, making areas behind the lines almost as vulnerable as the front lines, so that even if more combat slots aren't opened to women, they still are likely to be exposed to hostile fire.

Right DNA, moderate alcohol guard against heart risks

BY ROBERT COOKE
NEWSDAY

PHILADELPHIA - A new look into old data on doctors, drinks, and heart disease indicates that it's the alcohol that does the job of lowering the risk of heart attacks for some people.

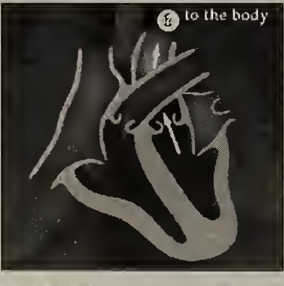
In a research report delivered recently at the annual meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics, epidemiologist Lisa Hines said the most benefit from moderate drinking - no more than three drinks per day - is seen in people who are ``slow metabolizers" of ethanol, the common alcohol in ``hard" drinks. People who metabolize ethanol rapidly gain little or no benefit, she said.

She cautioned, of course, that drinking too much will erase any benefit that might accrue from drinking a little. The hazards of heavy drinking are all too well-known.

Because of statistical associations, it has been reported for years that drinking moderate amounts of alcoholic beverages offers some protection against heart disease, and against subsequent heart attacks.

But it has not been known why. There was some speculation that the chemicals called anti-oxidants in drinks such as red wine might be responsible.

Now, Hines said, the amount of protection offered by moderate drinking seems to be controlled by heredity - the genes one inherited from parents. She looked specifically at the gene that makes an enzyme, alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH), which performs the first step in chewing up alcohol so it can be eliminated from the body. One version of the gene makes a fast-acting form of ADH, another makes a less speedy form, and a third version makes a slow-acting version of the enzyme. Slow is best, she said.



The human heart. -File photo.

Genetic profiles of men in the study showed that 17 percent were blessed with the slow-metabolizing form of the enzyme, 30 percent had the fast-metabolizing form, and the remaining 50 percent were intermediates.

In her studies at the Harvard School of Public Health, Hines compared slow metabolizers with fast metabolizers, focusing on those who regularly downed from one to three drinks per day. She found that the combination of slow metabolizing and moderate drinking resulted in higher levels of HDL - high density lipoproteins - in the men's blood.

HDL is called the ``good" cholesterol because it seems to protect against coronary artery disease. Low density lipoprotein, LDL, is the bad stuff.

The study population included 396 doctors who had been enrolled in the Physicians Health Study, which bad been started in Massachusetts in 1982 to look at the efficacy of taking daily doses of aspirin and beta carotene. It was that study that led to the recommendation for men to take regular, small doses of aspirin to help guard against heart attacks.

For her own study, Hines mined the same data and compared the men's drinking habits, HDL levels and genetic endowment for alcohol metabolism. What she found was that combining the best set of genes with moderate drinking yielded an 86 percent reduction in heart attack risk, compared to the worst combination.

``Compared to the men who consumed less than one drink per day" and who had the fast-acting form of the ADH gene, she said, ``there was a highly significant 86-percent reduction in risk of myocardial infarction (heart attack) for daily drinkers" who had the best gene combination.

She also looked at the same factors in a study of 325 postmenopausal women and found the same results, except that it requires only half as much alcohol to get similar protection. Her findings will soon be submitted to a scientific journal for publication, she said.

Hines, a graduate student in epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health, in Boston, said she does not know how the alcohol modifies the amounts and types of cholesterol in people's blood. But she thinks it actually is the ethanol - the alcohol - in the drinks that does the job, not the chemicals called anti-oxidants.

The bottom line, she said, is that her study ``provides strong evidence that ethanol is responsible for the protective effect."

American businessman says Russia refuses him fair trial

MAURA REYNOLDS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW - American businessman Edmond Pope, in his first courtroom defense, proclaimed his innocence Monday and accused Russian investigators of deliberately excluding evidence that would clear him of spying charges.

``It has become clear that there are very many inaccuracies, mistakes and instances of falsification and juggling of facts" in the prosecution case, said Pope's lawyer, Pavel Astakhov.

Pope, 54, a retired naval intelligence officer, runs a marine-technology company based in State College, PA. He was arrested April 3 in Moscow for purchasing what Russian officials describe as top-secret plans for an underwater missile. Pope and his lawyers contend that the missile - the high-speed Shkval torpedo - has been sold openly on the international market for years.

Emotions over the case have escalated on both sides in recent weeks. The U.S. State Department has cited the Pope case in cautioning businessmen against doing deals in Russia, and the House of Representatives has passed a resolution demanding an end to financial assistance to Russia if Pope is not freed.

Russia has just as vehemently insisted that Pope was caught red-handed and must be tried according to Russian law. If convicted, Pope faces 20 years in prison.

The specific charges against Pope are secret and the trial is taking place behind closed doors. Pope himself saw the indictment for the first time last week. Astakhov said that on Monday, Pope read the first part of an 88-point rebuttal in court, claiming that facts cited in the indictment were incorrect and his statements to investigators had been distorted.

"These 88 points are expected to show the court that there is a world of difference between the real state of affairs and the way the case is seen by investigators," Astakhov said.

Since the trial began last Wednesday in Moscow City Court, Judge Nina Barkina has denied every defense motion and excluded evidence Astakhov considers crucial to Pope's defense.

For instance, Barkina on Friday refused to admit into evidence a letter from the institute that provided the plans to Pope in which institute officials said the technology was legal to export. She also has refused to call a professor at the institute who was Pope's contact as a defense witness, and to assign Pope a translator who is not an employee of Russia's Federal Security Service, the KGB's main successor.

The judge has also turned down Pope's request for a medical examination by U.S. doctors. Pope has been in remission from a rare form of bone-marrow cancer and has expressed fears that the cancer may have returned. Russian doctors have declared him fit for trial, but Pope and his lawyer say his form of cancer is so unusual that Russian doctors may not be able to diagnose it.

Some commentators have suggested that the judge is trying to get the speediest possible conviction, which would then permit the Kremlin to bargain with the United States for Pope's release.

``If the Kremlin wants to put Pope behind bars, he will definitely end up there and no force on earth will help him," military analyst Pavel Fclgenhauer said. ``After that, the bargaining will begin and he may well be released in exchange for certain concessions from the United States."

The Shkval, or squall, torpedo is an ultra-fast underwater missile that travels on a cushion of air. According to statements by the Federal Security Service, even though the missile has been sold on the international market, there are aspects of its design that remain secret.

Violence terrifies children caught in the crossfire

BY SHARON WAXMAN
THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM - The babies did not sleep in Beit Jala or in Gilo Sunday night. In the once-calm neighborhoods that face each other across a barren West Bank valley, Israeli children fled to their mothers in terror and Palestinian children cried in fear as the rat-tat-tat of automatic weapons, the whirr of attack helicopters and the deafening blast of a tank's shell punctured the night.

For more than a week the bullets have flown from the Palestinian village of Beit Jala to the west Jerusalem neighborhood of Gilo, perched on a mountaintop on land that was annexed by Israel in 1967.

The Israeli army answered with its awesome force on Sunday night, shooting five missiles from attack helicopters and a round from a tank dug into the side of the mountain, just 600 yards from the Palestinian town. The battles continued tonight, with Palestinians shooting rifles and the Israelis firing machine guns and two tank shells.

While there was no evidence that the Israeli attacks hit any Palestinian gunmen, there was plenty of evidence that they succeeded in terrifying families in the mainly Christian, affluent Palestinian village of Beit Jala. The fighting intensified the feeling that war is creeping into civilian lives on both sides of the conflict.

In Suhair Nazzl's case, that feeling blasted its way into her living room in the form of a missile, fired by an Israeli helicopter, passing through her children's bedroom and burying itself in the washing machine.

``We have 12 children here, we are very afraid, too afraid," said Nazzl, 28, who lives in the house with her three children and nieces and nephews. "This is something we've never seen before."

Nazzl said Palestinian gunmen were lying on the street outside her house shooting at Gilo, but that they fled once the shooting started, only to return later. Sporadic gun battles went on for four hours into the black of night on Sunday.

An Israeli boy inspects a military barrier.

-File photo.

``No one in Beit Jala is involved in this shooting, no one in Beit Jala is carrying a gun. They come here, they shoot from inside the house, and they run away, and the people inside the house have the problem," said Samir Ruhib, 27, who lives in the village, barely a mile from the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem. "If we say something, they say, ``Go in your house, it's not your business.' "

An Israeli army spokesman said the attack was meant to send a message to Palestinians. ``The idea was to scare them and deter, but not to kill," said spokesman Rafi Izbicki. In fact, no injuries were reported among the Palestinians; no injuries have been reported from the Palestinian shooting into Gilo either.

Izbicki also said the army warned Palestinian residents two hours before the attack, using loudspeakers and through a local, joint Israeli-Palestinian office. But no one, among a dozen Palestinians interviewed in Beit Jala or the nearby Aida refugee camp, said they received a warning.

The missiles launched Sunday pierced a marble factory and broke windows on several houses, hit the Nazzl family house and an unfinished building that is home to a local theater. Angry youths marched through Bethlehem under a gray drizzle shouting, ``Please, Palestinian Authority, learn from Hezbollah," the Islamic group that kidnapped three Israeli soldiers this month, and, ``Hezbollah, please, hit, hit Tel Aviv."

``We were very lucky we weren't here, usually we rehearse at night," said Raeda Gazaleh, a director and actress at the Inat Theater. She said the attack on residents was making people more hostile to Israel.

``They see where they are shooting, it's civilian people. This is not a camp of soldiers. We don't have bomb shelters. People spent the whole night under their staircases, and put their kids in their closets. They have tanks, helicopters, shelters. We have nothing."

But across the valley in Gilo, Israeli parents were also hiding with their children under staircases during the night. ``I have two young daughters, I don't want them to see this, I don't want them to hear this. It's very scary," said Vicka Kaplan, 24, whose apartment faces the windy bluff overlooking Beit Jala. ``Last night the shooting went on all night; we left before midnight, we couldn't sleep."

The Peretz family narrowly missed a bullet that grazed the wall of their living room, having taken shelter in the bathroom when they realized they were hearing live gunfire. Later Tome Peretz, 9, found the shell on the living room floor.

Dahlia Sulcimani hid under the staircase with her two teenage children. This morning she found a bullet hole in the window above her daughter's room. ``We want to leave here, but who will buy this apartment?" she asked. ``We thought it would get better but after last night we realized it's getting worse, in my opinion. We can't live here, with the children screaming every time the shooting starts. They get crazy."

Both sides lamented the effect of the attacks on children. Gilo resident Hanna Ashran, fearfully clutching her 7-year-old daughter, Mirit, said, "They are innocent. But we are innocent too."

Gazaleh said she feared the same on her side of the conflict. ``We are trying to perform in schools each day. The children here are in shock; they need it. What they are seeing is terrifying."

Gazaleh met a 5-year-old at school who was wearing five T-shirts in layers. ``He said, ``If I get shot, this will stop the pain,' " she recalled.

Thinking about Law School? Come hear Mike Blanchard, a WSC grad, now teaching at Western New England School of Law talk about law school administation and law careers.
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Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Over the past few weeks (well, years, if you want to get technical), a lot of people have been giving ISO Art O'Leary a hard time. I'm probably going to make a lot of enemies on this one, but I feel someone ought to defend Officer O'Leary for a change.

Every week, there are people whining and complaining that they have no place to park, and demanding that Public Safety do something about it. Then, when the "Ticket Master" goes out and does his job, people get on his case. OK, the man writes a lot of tickets. The thing is, that's what he's paid to do. If you don't like the ticketing situation, get together, demand change, and do something about it. Blaming Art, however, is not going to accomplish a thing.

Oh, by the way, everyone makes a big deal about how he'll even ticket faculty and fellow officers. Well, if that's the case, at least he's not giving anyone special treatment. If it ever got out that he was letting other officers get away while targeting students, I GUARANTEE that people would be whining about that, too. "Oh, boo-hoo, the man's trying to keep us down again". Ug.

I can understand frustration with the parking situation, but blaming Officer O'Leary isn't the solution. Next time you see him, you might want to try being half civil (meaning: "hey, Ticket Nazi", wouldn't be an appropriate greeting) and say hello. In the few interactions that I have had with him, I've found him to be a very pleasant individual. You may be surprised to find that he's not some demon from the outer planes, but just a regular guy, trying to do his job. Let's give him a break.

Crud. I just dripped Taco Bell hot sauce on myself. The tacos were, however, buy one get one free, so I'm not going to complain. I think the only fast food joint that can compare is Wendy's. Go there with $5.20, and you'll eat like a king. I suggest getting two Jr. Bacon Cheeseburgers, Chicken Nuggets, a Biggie Coke, and Biggie fries. An order like that really covers all your grease and lard needs. If you're feeling really adventurous, though, replace with nuggets with a third cheeseburger. Or, for you health conscious folks, get a baked potato instead of fries, and make the Coke a Diet. That ought to save enough calories to allow you to indulge in the bacon! Yep. Sure.

I was attempting to figure out some sort of schedule when I noticed something kind of odd on the cover of the course book. At the very bottom, it says: Quick Highlight of the Booklet. It then informs us that the Table of Contents can be found on page three. Does this seem odd to anyone else? If a bunch of college students need help finding the Table of Contents, then I don't think it'll be of much use anyhow. I really get a kick out of that. Nobody else seems to, though. Oh well. I'm used to it by now.

I tell ya, I really love milk. If milk were found to be really bad for you, like smoking, I'd probably stick with it. Wouldn't that be weird? Guys could use milk consumption as a measure of toughness. "Wow. that guy just drank four glasses of milk! What a badass!" In the fifties, guys would roll those little cartons of milk up in their sleeves instead of packs of cigarettes. Dennis Leary would be up on stage, with like six gallons of milk beside him, laughing in the face of death...man, that would be so cool.

OK, that's enough incoherent rambling for this week. Tune in next week, when I make a fool of myself in trying to tackle a subject that I know nothing about: Politics! Hope to see you all then, and have a great week.

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

Behind the Shades

DAN WALSH

The night started off somewhat slow, almost dream-like, everything in slow motion. The clock showed 11:30 p.m. Then we walked through the entrance, instantly greeted with a wall of sound. I had never seen so many people at Caffeine's, the jazz bar that I frequent every weekend.

I was soon greeted by a smiling face that showed no traces of tension or stress. His name was Bob Ferrier, an amazing guitarist who up until this year taught in the music department of Westfield. He gave me a quick handshake and then asked, "Did you loose anything last time you were here?" I wasn't really sure what he was referring to until he pulled out a silver butane lighter that I had dropped on the ground almost 3 weeks ago. He knew that it was mine and kept it until the next time he saw me. That simple, honest gesture was one of the nicest things anyone has ever done for me. So thank you, Bob.

Friday is a day to let go; I'm done with classes, and I've got the whole weekend ahead to look forward to. So many times throughout the week, people have to put up with sh*t, and it can be hard to unwind after a week here. But when I walk through the doors of that jazz club and hear that music, nothing else matters. I know a lot of the people who play there and they join us at our table in between sets. Hell, I'm there so much that the waitress knows that if I'm getting a drink, it's either a White Russian, Kamikaze or an Almoretto Sour.

We sit back, cloves in hand, and let the music permeate the air into our souls. The lights stay low, setting a relaxed tone throughout the room. Even the stark contrast of a blistering sax solo doesn't seem to clash with the surroundings.

The night went along all too quickly. The drinks and the music soon melted into one another, transforming into an intoxicating melody which I find very hard to pull myself away from. When the alarm clock went off the next morning, I sat there and wondered how such a crappy week could have been completely turned around by one night. I didn't have an answer for that question, but I don't really care because for the first time in my life...I'm not looking for one.

D. Walsh is a Voice Columnist

Careless Thoughts

CARRIE JANIK

I remember when I was in Elementary school they used to have the voting for my town in the school gymnasium. Most of the kids in my class used to get angry because that meant that gym classes were canceled for that day.

However, I used to be fascinated with voting day. People would come in and go behind that little curtain so secretively. I felt that there was the button to the end of the world in there. I longed for the day when I could finally go and vote so I could participate in this huge festivity.

Well, I am now 21 years old and have been legal to vote for almost 3 years. I am ashamed to say that I have only voted once and that was during the primaries. The fact is many college students don't vote. Why is this? I am not trying to preach but we live in a democratic society so that we have a choice. I tried to think of some reasons why voting is so low.

As far as I am concerned sometimes I don't feel as if I know enough about politics to even vote. I couldn't tell you if I am democrat or a republican and I didn't watch many of the debates. I, as well as other students, give an array of excuses as to why they don't vote. "I don't like either of them" "I don't have time" "Who is running?" and "Oh, election time is coming" are just a few. It seems that we get all caught up in our little world at Westfield State that we don't remember that there is a bigger world out there that we can have a say in.

I have also heard the excuse 'My one vote isn't going to make a difference.' I have to say that I too have said that same exact thing but then when I thought about it, I remembered that in high school I lost a school election by one vote. I know, I know that is on a smaller scale. But it is the same principle.

If everyone didn't vote then there would be a few elite choosing who runs our country, and we are not just choosing for this year. The president elected this year will be running our country for 4 more years. Most of us will be out of college, with a job and (YIKES) maybe even married with children. So maybe my one vote won't make a world of difference but decisions are contagious, once you make one others will follow. Ages 18 to 24 are the largest voting age group. That means if everyone in our group voted we could completely flip the vote. We are all smart people and deserve to choose who we want to represent our country.

C. Janik is a Voice Columnist

WSC Student Angry Over Treatment of GSA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter because I think something needs to be said about the hatred that circulates on this campus.

I started on this path trying to write a news story about WSC's Gay Straight Alliance, but the more I learned about it, the less objective my story became. And as a journalist in training, the last thing I want to do is present something as news when it is wrought with opinion and emotion.

Upon interviewing the members of GSA, I learned some very disturbing things about this campus, mainly the fact that people hate and are willing to express that hatred at their classmates, neighbors and students. Shame on them and shame on the rest of us for letting them get away with it.

National Coming Out Day was two weeks ago. GSA members put a great amount of effort into making it a positive event. They decorated the campus with reminders that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender couples are here, and that they need not be ashamed of who they are. They hung up flyers meant to educate the WSC community about alarming suicide rates among glbt youth, and other facts that should be taught in order to understand how important it is to stop oppressing people simply because they are not like the majority of society.

However, the day was not quite as welcoming to the glbt community as they had planned. If anything, it reinforced the oppression of anyone who is a minority on this campus.

Westfield State College sidewalk chalk legislation was enforced with a vengeance, flyers were ripped down or vandalized, and some people were even inspired to make their own hateful flyers, demonstrating once again that this campus has so far to go before every person is treated equally and respectfully.

Just in case there is anyone out there who didn't know it; glbt people are not contagious. Supporting them as equal members of society with the same rights as everyone else does not make you gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender; it makes you a more complete person. When we can accept other people for who they are, we can accept ourselves for who we are.

Stop hiding behind God as an excuse for your hate. Stop judging those women who live in your tower that wear rainbow necklaces. Stop calling being proud of who you are "advertising." (Glbt people are bombarded with media that glorifies heterosexuality every day, you don't hear many of them complaining about heterosexuals advertising their preferences maybe they should.) Stop being disgusted by same sex couples who hold hands or show affection for each other-they're in love, what's wrong with that? And don't you dare put any more hateful signs on my door without showing your face.

This letter is not a pledge of perfection on my part- I would not presume to be better than anyone else is. It is a plea to the college community to wake up and realize how many people we hurt everyday when we judge them based on things they have no control over.

But please do not mistake me, I am not saying to pity the glbt community because they cannot help who they are. I am saying that we should have shame for ourselves as a society for still being prejudiced against many kinds of people. I am saying that we should evaluate ourselves before we evaluate others, and that we should be active in making this nation a better environment for every kind of person to thrive.

You don't have to march in the next Gay Pride Parade, you don't have to join GSA (although it would be nice to support your glbt friends in such an organization...by the way, you don't have to be gay to join, hence the name Gay Straight Alliance), you can stop friends from making hateful jokes and statements, and you can teach your family, especially young people, to be more supportive of people who are not like them. You don't have to change religions or go out of your way to make new friends, just be kind, and encourage others to do the same.

From Sarah M. Corigliano
Class of 2001

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

This guy walks into a psychiatrist's office wearing nothing but underwear made of Saran Wrap. The psychiatrist looks at him and says "I can clearly see you're nuts!"

Wazzup Westfield?! As always, thanks for the ideas submitted to me online. The address is Seamus2003 @Yahoo.com. Please indicate whether or not I can use your first name, and also note that just because I haven't used your idea yet doesn't mean that I won't.

"Worst Rug Award." The votes are in and it's official; Most Channel 40 News viewers under the age of 25 believe that a flying squirrel landed on the head of weatherman Tom Bevacque some years ago and has enjoyed a symbiotic relationship there ever since. Congratulations to Mr. Bevacque on edging out William Shatner for the coveted top spot.

In other news, Richard Gere (you know, the gerbil guy) has appealed to the President of S. Korea to allow a visit by Tibet's Dalai Lama, who won the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize. Despite having just won the same award about a month ago, the S. Korean President still refuses the Dalai Lama a platform from which to speak on behalf of a free Tibet. For fear, obviously, of pissing off China. A press secretary for President Clinton, when asked for a response to the situation, issued "No comment," which pretty much sums up the official position of our country with regards to Tibet.

Thanks to Clinton's administration, which just awarded China "Most Favored Nation" trade status without the need for renewal. Here's a question for you: If appeasement and lifting of sanctions is the way to bring a communist country to a more democratic way of thinking, then why aren't we pursuing that strategy with Cuba? (That would bring the price of their cigars down for sure!)

"London can be a lonely place on a Saturday night, and it's only Thursday morning." Name the reference.

"Big Up!" to WSKB's own Andy Lamica. He's another straight talker who isn't all too concerned about the potential of the truth to hurt sometimes. You can catch him Tuesday mornings from 10am-12pm, and if you miss his show, then that growth on your frontal lobe is finally having an effect.

I just came from the Caf and I'm still agitated. Actually no, I'm pissed. This guy at the end of our table got up. The lady came around and asked us if he was done yet. We said we weren't sure but we thought so, not knowing the deal. She took his tray and was still standing there when he came back with another plate of food. Simple enough mistake, right? I guess not, because he swore at this poor woman and kept swearing loudly as he threw his plate down on the table and left in a cloud of obscenities. I hope you're reading this, man, because that was an a**hole play and I hope that your next schedule includes "Respect for Elders 101." Either that or "The physics of stepping in front of moving vehicles." With lab.

A word about 333. It's been my intent to point out a system that has yet to function smoothly and maybe ease the frustration that we all feel (including some of the people who work there) by injecting a little humor into the situation. Few things in life are more important than the ability to take a step back and laugh at yourself a little, which I'm sure you realize. My intent has NOT been to personalize my criticisms. Some of those people have been staying at work long after the pay clock has stopped to organize and retool. Some of those people have also gone to great lengths to assist me personally. Nobody is more aware of the remaining glitches than they are, and nobody wants things finally running smoothly more than they. The situation is worsened by the fact that 333 is also an entry on the list of things on campus that aren't performing well, which brings additional ire not necessarily deserved. There, can you guys unfreeze my account now?

Catch the Tyson fight? All six minutes? The fight was an important one to me for another reason. At the end they had a guy from the Nevada State Boxing Commission on the phone and they were asking if Tyson's personal behavior so far was adequate for him to regain his ability to fight in Nevada. If you don't follow boxing, Las Vegas and Madison Square Garden, NYC (among a few others), are where the big paychecks come from. Keeping Mike Tyson out of Vegas is like keeping Babe Ruth out of Yankee Stadium.

Anyway, it seems some are trying to get him back in after being barred. This angers me on several levels. First off, it angers me that just because he can pull in a nickel or two, his savage attack on Evander Holifield can be so quickly ignored, but wait, there's more. Mike Tyson is a convicted rapist. He's a registered sexual offender who used his "heavyweight" size and strength to subdue women. Can you picture for a second, as a woman, the horror of having a man who is absolutely unstoppable attack you in a sexual way? Neither can I. Pete Rose is a baseball legend and a record setter. Pete layed a bet on a baseball game whose outcome he couldn't influence and was banned from the sport AND the Baseball Hall of Fame for life. What's the message? Gambling is a more serious personality flaw than rape? We're teaching the children that for all of the harsh words, outrage, and criticism, sexual assault is ultimately tolerable.

> **"The point still hasn't sunk in about rape and, considering the lip service it gets, I cannot imagine why."**
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> -Chris Ward

Forgivable. True, the legal penalty was harsher for Tyson, hut the court of public opinion is where it counts and we know this. Just ask O.J. He can't get a job handing out bottled water in the Sahara. The point still hasn't sunk in about rape and sexual assault and, considering the lip service it gets, I cannot imagine why. I was turning this point over and over in my mind at 5am this morning. I have a few phone calls to make then I'll get back to you on this. Upon reflection, it would be hypocritical of me to watch another Tyson fight, increasing his earnings.

This just in: Zack De La Rocha is leaving Rage Against the Machine. I'm a Rage fan and I can't believe it, man. The rest of the band says that they're proud of their accomplishments, both musically and politically, over the past eight years and they'll carry on. The short list for potential new lead singers includes "Diamond" David Lee Roth and Sammy Hagar. That last sentence was a joke. Sorry, I'm bumming.

Shout out to the guys of the Intramural Flag Football team "One in the stink." Great season, guys, wait 'till next year. Or don't. Kill the winning team in their sleep. You'll feel better almost immediately.

Listen, I gotta split now. But before I go, keep hanging out on the fire escapes in the apartments, alright? When the Man comes around to roust you, just tell him that you were holding an Independent Emergency Egress drill. Tell them that you felt faint and needed air...all twenty of you. If you're too cocked to speak, just point to the sky in horror. And finally, Shippy say "A conservative in their twenties has no conscience, and a liberal in their thirties has no money." What's that? Oh, Buddha says "Hi." Peace and Balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

Hockey Update

Sat night 10-21 vs Boston Blackhawks
After falling down 0-6 going into the third period, the Owls came fighting back to close it to 3-6.
Facing a very talented Blackhawk team, which was playing it's 20'th game of the season, WSC ended up losing 4-9.
"Gave up 5 powerplay goals, and taking 40 minutes to wake up was the backbreaker".
The Owls got two goals from senior captain Matt Fontaine, along with two assists from senior assistant captain Brian Huggon. Also got a goal each from freshmen Bobby Shaw and Ryan Lalwess.
Thurs Night Game (10-26) at Bridgewater State.
Beat them last season 4-2.
This sat night's game: vs. Connecticut Wolves @ Amelia Park
Looking to rebound against a very talented junior team.
WSC Students: $2.00 w/ student ID.

JAMES CAAN HALLE BERRY OMAR EPPS CRAIG SHEFFER KRISTY SWANSON
Pressure surrounds them.
Competition divides them.
Glory unites them.
A story of what it takes to survive
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The Joy of Cover Songs

MARK HITE

It almost seems to be a quota that rock bands today include at least one cover on their CD. Many major rock bands have found success on radio stations by adding their own special twist to songs of days past.

For example Limp Bizkit with George Michael's "Faith," Dope with Dead or Alive's "You Spend Me Round," and even more recently Disturbed's cover of Tears For Fears "Shout 2000." I've always enjoyed covers and was more than pleased when two awesome CDs came into the radio station the other day.

The first one comes to us from the band Fozzy that features none other than the always flamboyant "Moongoose McQueen" on vocals. "Moongoose" does seem rather familiar. As a matter of fact he almost looks exactly like professional wrestler Chris Jericho. Also, some of the band members resemble some of the members of the Atlanta based band Stuck Mojo. However, according to their web site, www.fozzyrocks.com, these may just be rumors (hehehe).

Either way, the band's self-titled disc proves to be an impressive tribute to the 80s metal scene. The disc starts off with the Dio classic "Stand Up and Shout" which is performed near flawlessly. However, the hair band/heavy metal fun doesn't stop there, rather it just begins.

The third track is a cover of the arm raising Twisted Sister song "Stay Hungry." The fifth song, "Live Wire", would fool even the smartest of Motley Crue fans into thinking it was the original. Their cover of "Over The Mountain" would easily bring out a sadistic-smile to Ozzy's face. Also, the band keeps the spirit of power metal alive with the cover of the great Scorpion ballad "Black Out." These are just some of the 10 metal favorites you can find on Fozzy's new CD.

The band shows its since of humor in the CD booklet. It says in bold letters, "All Songs Written By Fozzy," then in small type "Except:" with every track on the CD listed underneath it.

Once again, according to the web site, it is not confirmed that it is Chris Jericho on vocals nor does it say anywhere that Stuck Mojo members are involved. Either way, as far as I'm concerned, this is bound to be one of the best cover CDs ever!

The second CD, "Take A Byte Out of Rhyme," is simply bound to be a hit with just about everyone. No matter if you like rap or rock, this disc will keep your head bobbing with an impressive line up of well known (and some not so well known) bands trying their luck at rap
classics.

Two tracks have actually already made it on mainstream airplay. Dynamite Hack's light acoustic cover of Eazy-E's "Boyz-N-The Hood" is worth a thousand laughs.

The song, which also appears on their newest album, is performed in light vocals which only raise when the lyric "I reached back like a pimp and smacked the ho" comes into play.

The other radio hit off the CD is none other than Sevendust covering the L.L. Cool J classic "Going Back To Cali." The band keeps to rap style vocals but adds their own special explosive guitar riff to the song.

However, if you are smart, you won't buy this CD for just those two songs.

The first track features Springfield native, Staind, covering the song that was partially responsible for the rap/rock crossover, "Bring Da Noize." The song was originally performed by Public Enemy and thrash band Anthrax in the mid 1980s.

The relatively new rock act Dope adds an industrial twist to Ice T's "New Jack Hustler." Dope has also covered N.W.A.'s "F**k The Police" in the past, which doesn't appear on this CD.

The masters of self-esteem deprevaation, The Bloodhound Gang, throw in their cover of Run DMC's "It's Tricky."

Metal upcommers Factory 81 add a thunderous metal twist to Cypress Hill's "Insane In The Brain." These are just some of the impressive 13 different covers you can find on "Take A Byte Out Of Rhyme."

Covers are fun mainly because they add a special twist to songs of days past. They can act as both a tribute to songs or sometimes poke a little fun at prior scenes.

Either way, covers are here to stay, and for those of you too young to remember some of the older songs mentioned in this article, don't worry. The music is still enjoyable and someday in the not- so- distant future, you too will be able to enjoy bands that will cover music that is popular now.

Until next week, keep rocking out and don't forget to check out WSKB! Mark "The Pomo Freak" every Thursday 6-8 PM on 89.5 WSKB!

M. Hite is a Voice Columnist

A Musicale Review

BY JESSICA NORDEN
VOICE REPORTER

The Westfield State Department of Music's Mid-Week Musicale was held on Wednesday October 18, at 3:30 in Dever Auditorium. Students of Dr. Karen LaVoie performed in a Trumpet Musicale, playing the trumpet with various types of music.

The first piece that was performed was "Concerto for Trumpet," written by Alexander Arutunian with Zachary Scherpa on trumpet, and Michael Dulac on piano.

When describing his experience, Zach said, "You'll always play things right that you could never play before and you always mess up where you never messed up before. That's just what happens." Zach played extremely well and the pianist accompanying him played excellent as well.

Next to perform was Andy Villamaino on trumpet with Michael Dulac accompanying him on the piano with the piece "Scherzo and Finale" by Bernard Fitzgerald.

Andy was very good and he performed the piece beautifully. I thought that the piece was exceptionally difficult and that both of them played it very well.

The piece "Sonata for Trumpet 1. With Strength and Vigor" by Kent Kennan was performed next by Josh Thomson on trumpet and Michael Dulac on piano. This piece was very nice with soft music and a light melody that was easy to listen to. When giving his input on his performance, Josh said, "It was nice to play for a change instead of just sitting there. It goes by in a blur."

I think that they performed it beautifully with a lot of passion and hard work For the final performance of the afternoon, Geoff Kelly played the trumpet and Fred Secrease accompanied him on the piano on the piece "Bride of the Waves" by Herbert L. Clarke.

I think that this was my favorite piece throughout the entire musicale because of the way the music flowed in a mysterious way, which brought the listeners to a peaceful, serene ending to the day's performances.

The piece reminded me a bit of certain types of swing music, which made me enjoy it even more. Overall, the performances were excellent and when asked about the performances, Fred Secrease said, "I think it showed a nice diversity of trumpet performance and technique. The performance spoke highly for both the performers and the teacher. I think it went pretty well."

The Mid-Week Musicale is a good way to enjoy your Wednesday afternoons, plus you get a bit of culture to add to your day. The performers are excellent and next week will be another type of music to enjoy hearing.

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Almost Speechless Rocks

BY LAUREN BENNETT
SPECIAL TO THE VOICE

Do you know whose music really reaches into the depths of my soul? The band Almost Speechless consisting of five very talented musicians. They are crazy good! Although they're semi-national now, their roots are from Western Massachusetts.

If you are unfamiliar with the band, one might compare them with the Counting Crows. On Friday the thirteenth, they played downstairs at Pearl Street in Northampton with the national band Berry Kingston. It is great when they play shows here because generally they play in Boston, CT, or New York.

Two weeks ago, they played with the Spin Doctors at UMASS. During the summer, the band tour'd for a month down to Charlotte, North Carolina. Other noteworthy things to mention about Almost Speechless is their music is now on the television series "Rosalita's weekend," featuring the song "Misplaced." Also, as far as TV goes, their music is going to be in two major upcoming films.

Not only was Almost Speechless fortunate enough to have a photo shoot taken by Rolling Stone's photographer, but they were also recognized by Madonna's sister. Impressed with Gabe's band, she informed Maverick about his music. A brief overview of the group is the following: Gabe is the lead singer, (he also writes the lyrics) and plays the acoustic/electric guitar. Pete does back-up vocals and plays the electric guitar. Mike also sings back vocals and plays the bass guitar. Jay jams on the guitar and Justin breaks out the beats on the drums.

One of the reasons that makes them so awesome when they performis that you can tell that they put their whole heart and soul into the music. It has a lot of passion because everything they play they have written themselves.

To give an idea of the process that they go through, when writing their music, is the following: Gabe will write the lyrics and his guitar parts. Next, he will have the band work with him by giving them an idea of the sound that he thinks would go best with the lyrics. Then the band members will come back with their ideas until the piece of music is complete. Another thing that helped them perfect their songs was going on tour. Being on the road and playing every night got them to know their music and decide what works best.

Jay is attending college, and the band feels it is very important to have him get the most out school. As far as shows go right now, they are keeping it to one or two shows a week.

In November, they will be going on a mini tour. Then this summer they will be back on the road again. I love watching them live because there is so much strength and meaning in their songs. It seems like even when I am in the worst mood, and I play their music, it soothes me and makes me mellow. Some of you may have gotten the chance to hear them last year in the Ely Campus Center.

Some of my close friends had gotten into a very tragic car crash on their way home from band practice. To raise money for hospital bills, I held two benefit concerts. I was lucky enough to have Almost Speechless headline for me.

Gabe and the band were very sweet to take time out for a good cause, and I thank them very much for that. They are great. Almost Speechless is such a phenomenal band; they are well worth hearing. Rumor has it he may be willing to play for WSC in the near future. The group is willing to play in early February. It is just a matter of planning - Stay posted!

WSKB has their CD, Trapped Inside a Monday, so request a song! My personal favorite is Sadie's Eyes. You can get all the lyrics on their website. You can also download a few of songs from there also. If you want to see a fabulous website, go to www.http//:almostspeechless.com

Hypnotist Frank
Santos -
Sunday, Nov. 5th
at 7 p.m. in Dever
Auditorium

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Martin Lee & Shaun Davis

BY JED DION
A&E EDITOR

Tired of listening to rock tunes? Bored with the same old rap? Tune into "Fusion of Defusion" every Wednesday night to hear the latest in underground techno, trance, electronic and house dance music.

Your hosts are Shaun Davis and Martin Lee who started doing the show for the first time this year.

"We both love electronic music and there wasn't really any electronic shows so we decided to do one. We just want to open the college community up to the music," said Lee. Martin Lee is a senior majoring in Art with a minor in Business.

"Most people don't know about electronic music. I think it is a positive thing to expose underground artists to the mainstream community," said Davis, a senior majoring in English.

Some of the artists that can be heard on "Fusion of Defusion" are Moby, BT, Paul Oakenfolk, DJ Venom, Bam Bam, Danny Tanaglia, Paul Van Dyk, Armand andVan Helden.

Besides spinning the latest in electronic music over the airwaves of WSKB, Lee enjoys martial arts, and in fact, he runs the martial arts club on campus. Not only that, but Lee is also the Design Editor for the Campus Voice and President of the Graphic Design Club. He's involved with the school play, "Children of Eden" and a member of the break dancing club. Lee also enjoys watching Anime, which are Japanese cartoons.

"After graduation I plan on getting an illustration job for graphic design. I would also like to open up my own martial arts school and maybe a hobby shop," said Lee.

Davis is also a member of the break dancing club. He plays bass for the local band Oregon Underground and enjoys writing. Davis is not quite sure what he wants to do after graduation.

Lee and Davis like to promote local raves on the show. Raves are all-night electronic dancing events that take place in such places as Club Asylum in Springfield.

"I like to go to them. Just to dance though," said Lee. The duo also held a contest when they first started to try and come up with a name for their show. A friend thought up its current name.

Lee and Davis have not run into any major problems with the radio station like some people.

"Sometimes the bottom CD player tray gets stuck, but you just have to give it a little nudge. Also the station needs more or bigger windows," said Lee.

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Joe Skahan punk/ska 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Nate Germain new 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Chris & Matt punk 8-10am		
Stephani Poole new 10-12pm	Andy Lamica new 10-12pm	The Duck & Venus 10-12pm	Brian Harmon ska/punk 10-12pm	Steve Camera punk 10-12pm	Joe & Katie new 10-12pm	Amanda & Holly new 10-12pm
Scott Toomey 12-2pm	Brian Mazzone 12-2pm	Michelle & Jeff 12-2pm	Nathan 12-2pm	Mike Berman 12-2pm	Bob, Corey & Brenda 12-2pm	Nick 12-2pm
Matt & Justin hip-hop/80's rock 2-4pm	Jon & Jon new & retro 2-4pm	Melissa & Kelly 2-4pm	Cyclone J new 2-4pm	Kevin & Bobb new 2-4pm	Amy & Andrea 2-4pm	Mike & Jeff jazz 2-4pm
Mike and Dave punk 4-6pm	Jim Cartier new 4-6pm	Kay Saltmarsh mix 4-6pm	Dj Radio talk/music 4-6pm	Eileen2 celtic 4-6pm	Bob & Matt new 4-6pm	Music For Your Mind 4-6pm
Melissa Saporetti 6-8pm	Ska/Punk & Other Junk 6-8pm	Warhead Show w/ Jeff Carter 6-8pm	Mark Hite metal 6-8pm	Andy Clark metal 6-8pm	Mike Dion new 6-8pm	DJ Rompa techno 6-8pm
Wes & Charles hip-hop 8-10pm	Mike, Chris, Laurel & Jeff 8-10pm	Smike & Kyle punk 8-10pm	Josh Thomson ska/punk 8-10pm	April Bak new/loud 8-10pm	Saturday Night Live in the Ely Campus Center. Check it out from 8-12am Prizes!	Time Warp to the 80's 8-10pm
Everyone Loves Emo 10-12am	Andy McArdle 10-12am	Shawn & Martin electronic 10-12am	Eric & Tim 10-12am	James & Mike 10-12am		Lamont Stockey hip-hop 10-12am
Tim & Amy electronic 12-2am	Dave, Stephan & Greg 12-2am	Mike & Christian 12-2am	Kim & Katey new 12-2am	Steve Knachel 12-2am	Blake & Ryan 12-2am	Mark, Kevin & Shannon 12-2am

A Dream
By Magaly Santana

White spring mist leads me towards
Someone I see from afar
And as I walk closer to the person
I gain focus and there you are.
I stand before you
Wonder if this is true
That I am found here,
Right next to you.
You reach out to me
And gently begin to trace
Soothing my arm, my shoulder
And lastly, my face.
A mystical environment
Surprises me to see
That you are the one
Found next to me.
Soft lips of tender sweets
Pressed against mine
Swing me up to heaven and back
For a short amount of time.
Oh, the touch of your fingertips
Is a gentle command
That makes my spirit rise in full
Every time I hold your hand.
Every moment is so special
Regardless of what we do,
My heart and love grows day and night
Knowing that I am with you.
You make me smile; you make me laugh,
You embrace me whispering, "Do not go,
please stay,"
And as I look into your heartwarming eyes
I realize I would not have it any other way.
My name is called, yet
I see only a shade,
As I return to gaze at you,
Sadness comes as I see you fade.
Twinkle dust forms from your being
I feel as if this was a curse
Your lips motion an "I love you"
Right before you completely disperse.
Alone in the mist am I
Or that is how it may seem
That this serenade of love
Was nothing but a dream.

Jeff's Cinema Scoop

JEFF CARTER

What's up Westfield State? I've had a great time writing this column for the Voice and I've been pleasantly surprised at all of the feedback I've gotten from both students and faculty here on campus.

Therefore, in honor of you, the esteemed "Cinema Scoop" readers, I give you this special "Q & A" column. Enjoy!

Q: Hey Jeff, is there ever going to be a new Indiana Jones movie?

A: Well, there's good news and bad news about a new Indy epic. The good news is that yes, there will be a fourth installment of everybody's favorite fedora-wearing archaeologist. The bad news is, don't expect to see it anytime soon. As some of you may know, the executive producer and chief creative force behind the Indiana Jones franchise is George Lucas, and before he can devote his time to start production on *Indiana Jones 4*, he has to finish up two little independent films called *Star Wars Episodes II* and *III*. Maybe you've heard of them? Yeah, thought so. Aside from that disheartening news, a script is apparently all set to go and both Steven Spielberg and Harrison Ford are itching to get back in the saddle for another Indy adventure. Look for it in summer 2005!

Q: Jeff, who is directing and starring in the *Planet of the Apes* re-make?

A: None other than the master of the macabre, Tim Burton is at the helm of the *Planet* remake, due out next summer. *3 Kings* and *Boogie Nights* star Mark Wahlberg snagged the lead role of the human character trapped amongst the Simians (Charlton Heston filled this role on the original). The main apes in the film will be played by Helena Bonham Carter, Michael Clark Duncan, and Tim Roth. No word yet on if this is a direct adaptation of the original 1968 *Apes* movie, but the make-up effects for the ape masks by Rick Baker are said to be astounding.

Q: Jeff, please, for the love of God, tell me Mariah Carey is not going to play Wonder Woman!

A: Rest easy Wonder Woman fans, that rumor turned out to be complete hooey. It seems Lucy Lawless ("Xena: Warrior Princess"), and Sandra Bullock are now the lead candidates.

Q: Jeff, is Quentin Tarantino ever going to direct another movie in my lifetime?

A: Yes. After the critical and financial failure Jackie Brown, and his much-publicized break-up with Mira Sorvino, Tarantino has been laying low. He is currently putting the finishing touches on what he calls a "woman revenge" picture to star Uma Thurman. After that, there are wild rumors flying around that he will write and direct a WWII picture starring Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Jean-Claude Van-Damme! That's a lot of testosterone!

Q: Jeff, will Terminator 3 really suck?

A: Yes.

Q: Man, I was really disappointed in *Star Wars: Episode I*. Please tell me *Episode II* will be a better, darker movie, and please tell me that horrible Jar Jar will not be back!

Q: A lot of people have told me they were really let down by the *Phantom Menace*, but they're just being nitpickers in my humble opinion. I loved the film, and I had an absolute blast watching it in the theaters in the summer of '99 (all six times!). The hype was so gigantic, that it would have been impossible for any film to live up to the enormous expectations the *Phantom Menace* had going in. I'll admit, Jar Jar is not the greatest character George Lucas has concocted, but he made me chuckle a few times. Sadly, be will return in the sequel. Aside from that, I have heard nothing but promising news about Episode II. It will most definitely have a much darker tone, no kids running around, exciting battles, fantastic new characters, a deeper storyline, and a great love story. See you at the cinema!

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In Music News

By Jed Dion
A&E Editor

Two months after becoming husband and wife, Mack 10 and T-Boz (from TLC) have become parents. On Monday, October 16, the couple announced that they welcomed their first child, daughter Chase, in Los Angeles on Friday.

Artists, fans and friends of Rage Against the Machine expressed sorrow over the end of the past decade's most influential and outspoken band. Frontman Zack De La Rocha split with the group to create his very own solo album with no intention of rejoining the band. The band was forced to cancel their tour with the Beastie Boys.

Sorry ladies but it appears as though another member of a boy band is unavailible. Drew Lachey of 98 Degrees married longtime girlfriend Lea Dellecave during a private ceremony at the Covenant First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati on Saturday.

Christina Aguilera filed suit against her former manager, Steven Kurtz, on Friday in Los Angeles claiming fraud and breach of fiduciary duty. Aguilera claims that Kurtz, who assumed the reigns of the singer's career when she was 17 years old, used "improper, undue and inappropriate" influence over Aguilera's professional activities.

Reformed hair band Bon Jovi will be taking ska-infused pop-punk band Less Than Jake out on the road starting November 5 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. While the pairing may seem like a musical odd couple to some, it makes perfect sense to the guys from Less Than Jake, who love 80's metal and even have a 7" split record with Megadeath.

Singer George Michael has purchased the Steinway piano that John Lennon composed "Imagine" on for approximately $2.1 million dollars during a transatlantic auction. Apparently he had nothing better to do with all his cash.

After dropping a collection of live material later this year, Tool will treat its long-suffering fans to a new studio album in April of next year. Through its official Web site (at toolband.com), the progressive rock outfit has announced that its long-awaited studio effort will arrive on April 17, which also happens to be the birthday of Tool frontman Maynard James Keenan. If anyone knows Tool, they usually wait about four years between each album.

A new episode of the Simpsons called "New Kids On the Bleech," is set to air in late February. In the show, the characters of Bart Simpson, Nelson Muntz, Ralph Wiggum, and Milhouse Van Houten form their own boy band called Party Posse, and at their premiere concert in Springfield, 'NSYNC stops by to give the guys some advice on their choreography.

After 17 years together, Vermont jam band Phish played its final show Saturday in Mountain View, California, before taking an extended break from touring. This does not mean the band is breaking up; however, it simply means that the boys of Phish will be taking some time off from the whole touring deal to possibly write tons of new songs for another 17 years of touring.

Record Releases

October 31

Gameface: Always On
Godsmack: Awake
Insane Clown Posse: Bizarre
Marilyn Manson: Holy Wood

Out Now

Blur: Greatest Hits
Everlast: Eat at Whitey's
Johnny Cash: America III
Limp Bizkit: Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water
Max Weinberg 7: s/t
2Pac: The Rose That Grew From Concrete
Hootie and the Blowfish: B-sides and Cover Songs
Jackson 5: Anthology
Less Than Jake: Borders and Boundaries
Megadeath: Greatest Hits
Nine Inch Nails: Things Fall Apart
Sammy Hagar: Ten 13
Squirrel Nut Zippers: Bedlam Ballroom
Outkast: Stankonia
Poe: Haunted
Karate: Unsolved
Pj Harvey: Stories from the City, Stories from the Sea

What do you think of the Campus Voice this year?

" I THINK IT'S OK..IT ISN'T TOO MUCH DIFFERENT THAN PAST YEARS, IT COULD USE MORE COLOR."

Pat Barrett
Communications
2001

"IT'S BETTER THAN LAST YEAR."

Jennifer Lahost
English
2002

"I HEARD GOOD THINGS, I REALLY LIKE THE M.A.R.A.S.A. COLUMN, OTHERWISE I HAVEN'T REALLY PICKED IT UP."

Kim Taranto
English/ 2004

"I ONLY READ IT FOR THE PERSONALS."

Adam Hoyle
Art
2002

"I LIKE THE WARS BETWEEN THE CUT AND KEVIN'S KORNER..IT MAKES IT INTERESTING."

Natasha Reno
CJ
2003

"I THINK IT IS GREAT BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT MORE PEOPLE CONTRIBUTING THIS YEAR."

Mark Hite
Communications
2001

-Compiled by Megan Meehan

Police Log from 10/02/00 - 10/15/00

10/02/00 -
-False Fire Alarm from steamy shower- Davis Hall
-3 Medical Transports to Noble - Health Services
-2 Harrassments - Investigated - Lammers Hall

10/03/00 -
-Industrial Accident- throat and sinus irritation - Parenzo
-Medical Transport to Noble - Health Services
-Malicious Destruction - Vehicle keyed - South Lot
-False Fire alarm from steamy shower- Davis Hall
-General Investigation - Recovered property - Davis Hall

10/04/00 -
-Fire - Outdoor Trash resepticale - Scanlon
-Harrassment - Judicial Referral - Lammers Hall

10/05/00 -
-Malicious Destruction - Broken window - South Lot
-Medical Transport to Noble - Health Services
-Industrial Accident - foreign object in eye - '333'
-Industrial Acident - muscle pull - '333'

10/06/00 -
-False Fire alarm - extinguisher discharged - Judicial Referral - Scanlon
-Follow up investigation - Recovered property - Judicial referral - Scanlon
-College Policy violation - Judicial Referral - Scanlon
-College Policy Violation- Individual Trespassing on Campus - Scanlon

10/07/00 -
-Malicious Destruction - Broken Light cover, Judicial referral - Courtney
-Falsification of a M/V Document - Suspect arrested - Public Safety
-Larceny/ Theft - Scanlon

10/08/00 -
-Medical Transport to Noble - Davis Hall
-False Fire Alarm - extinguisher discharged - Davis Hall

10/09/00 -
-Follow up investigation - operatiing after revokation - Commuter Lot
- Disturbance - Physical Altercation - Courtney
- Malicious Destruction - Damage to a vending machine - Lammers Hall

10/10/00 --
2 Medical Transports to Noble - Health Services
-General Investigation - Vandalism - Dickinson Hall
- General Investigation - Graffitti on sidewalk - Wilson Rd.

10/11/00 -
-Intrustion Alarm - Reset Alarm - Campus Center
- Injured Person - Transported to Noble - Campus Center
- General Investigation - tampering with PC equipment - Public Safety

10/13/00 -
-2 College Policy Violations- Alcohol confiscated - Scanlon
-Disturbance - Broken window - Scanlon
-General Investiagtiou- '333'

10/14/00
-Assist Person - reset alarm- Wilson Hall

10/15/00 -
-Motor Vehicle Stop - operating with suspended liscense - Parenzo Rd.
- Disturbance - Destroying Property - Courtney Hall
- Harrasment - Judicial Referral - Lammers Hall
-Disturbance -Verbal Altercation - Dickinson Lot

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Monday Night Football
"munchies"

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The Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act of 1994 requires institutions to provide information concerning their intercollegiate athletics programs and make this information available for inspection by students, prospective students, and the public. This year's report contains information for the reporting year beginning 7/1/99 and ending 6/30/00.

Copies of this report are available for inspection by the public at the following locations: President Woodward's Office (333 Western Avenue), Vice President Jackson's Office (Ely 236), Athletics Department (Ely 244), Faculty Athletics Representative Ed Abar's office (Ely 306A) and the Ely College Library. I am also happy to answer questions regarding the report.

-Nancy Bal Assistant Director of Athletics

Attention All Intramural Players

All Players must bring an I.D. to all Intramural Games

I.D.'s will be checked from now on...

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Mon. 12a-2a
Tue. 12a-2a
Wed. 12a-2a
Thur. 10p-2a
Fri. 6p-10p
Sat. 6p-10p
Sun. 12p-2a

Soccer

-Men's and women's soccer will start Monday, October 30 at the turf.

-Schedule is available outside of Ely 231

Intramurals

- Not on a team, but want to play? Call x5424
- All Schedules are posted in Ely outside Room 231. Please check the schedules DAILY for game times! If you cannot make a game you are scheduled for, you MUST notify the Intramurals office immediately! (x5424) 24 hour notice for cancelling a game or you will receive a forfeit.

Water Polo

-Anybody who is still interested, rosters are still being accepted.

-Rosters are available outside of Ely 231

Co-ed Volleyball

-Play will begin on Monday, October 30 in the Parenzo Gym.

-Schedule is available outside Ely 231.

Congratulations!

-1-Pitch Softball Champions-
Mandelay

-Flag Football Champions-
House of Pain

3-3 Basketball

Playoffs will begin on Tuesday, October 31

Intramurals would like to thank the faculty and staff members as well as the Davis Hall girls for participating in the Women's Flag Football All-Star Classic. Congratulations to the faculty and staff for winning the BIG game!

Women's Cross Country Captures Fifth Straight Conference Crown By Edging Bridgewater

The Westfield State women's cross country team captured its fifth consecutive Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference championship by edging Bridgewater State on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Stanley Park.

Westfield finished with 53 points in the six-team meet to edge Bridgewater State by a point. Bridgewater totaled 54 points followed by Fitchburg State with 80.

Westfield only had one runner earn all conference honors: senior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick finished fifth with a time of 20:34 over the 3.1 mile layout. But the Owls had solid pack running as they placed five runners between the 11th and 20th positions.

Freshman Kristi Lin Popoff finished 11th (21:45), followed by freshman Catie Geldert (12th, 21:46), sophomore Laura Hurley (18th, 22:28), junior Sara Sechovicz (19th, 22:36), and junior Miranda Osgood (20th, 22:43). In addition, sophomore Alyssa Reid placed 26th (23:28) and senior Lori Starsiak was 27th (23:33).

"The team ran well," said coach Bob Rausch. "It was a team effort and we had some good performances. Kristi finished ahead of Catie for the first time this year."

Rhalda Jansen of Fitchburg won the race with a time of 20:18.

Members of the women's cross country conference championship team in the first row, left to right: Lori Stersiak, Alyssa Reld, Krisli Lin Popoff, Traeey Borucki, Erica Mellone, Miranda Osgood. Second row: assistant coach Cheryl Sentegate-Sutton, Cetie Geldert, Starr Hockenberry, Sere Sechovicz, Laure Hurley, Melinda Nikole, and coach Bob Reuseh. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Men's Cross Country Squad Finishes Second In MASCAC

Bridgewater State College regained the Mass. State Conference men's cross country championship after a one-year hiatus with a convincing victory over Westfield State on Oct. 21 at Stanley Park.

The Bears placed five runners in the top 10 to total 36 points in winning its third title in the past four years.

Westfield, which won the 1999 championship and 14 of the past 17 championships, finished a distant second with 53 points.

Senior Jason Pappas, a Fitchburg native, and sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee finished second (27:17) and third (27:19), respectively, for Westfield State. But Westfield's next three runners finished 13th, 15th, and 20th, which could not offset Bridgewater's strong pack running up front.

"I believe we ran as well as we are capable of running, but Bridgewater has a nice team this year," said Westfield State coach Bob Rausch.

Placing third for Westfield and 13th overall was freshman Nick Wlodyka with a time of 28:50. Junior Eric Nygard was 15th (29:02) and junior Brian Church was 20th (29:23). Church finished eighth last year to earn all conference honors, but he has been sidelined most of this season with an injury.

Rounding out Westfield's top seven, freshman Andy Krantz finished 27th (30:09) and junior Marco Iannello was 31st (30:29).

Salem State's Dan Smith of Shelburne Falls, Mass., defended his individual title with a time of 26:22 over the five-mile Stanley Park layout. Last season he won in 26:48 on the same course.

Men's Soccer Wins Sixth Straight; Shuts Out Two More Opponents

Westfield 4 - WPI 0

WORCESTER - The Westfield State men's soccer team rolled to a convincing 4-0 victory over Worcester Polytech last Tuesday evening.

The victory was Westfield's sixth straight and upped its record to 11-4. The Owls, who are ranked 10th in New England, have recorded five shutouts during the winning streak, and they have allowed only 14 goals in 15 games.

Seniors Andrew Lewis and Karl Labadorf both tallied a goal and an assist, while freshman Joe Calabrese of West Springfield recorded three assists. Also scoring were freshman Jay Chelo of Ludlow and Greg Viggiano of Suffield.

Both teams took 10 shots on goal in the game, but the Owls scored on their first three shots as they led 3-0 with just over 17 minutes remaining in the first half.

"They were good scores but we made some great passes to set up the scores," said coach Paul Whalley.

Westfield concluded its regular season last Friday when it hosted Fitchburg State at 7:00 p.m. The Owls would have clinched at least of share of the Mass. State Conference championship by defeating Fitchburg. Westfield is scheduled to host a conference postseason tournament game Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Westfield 6 - Mass Maritime 0

BUZZARDS BAY - The Westfield State men's soccer team won its fifth straight game with a 6-0 victory over Mass. Maritime Academy.

The Owls, who have allowed only one goal in the past five games, are now 10-4 overall and 5-1 in the Mass. State Conference.

Westfield moved into a tie for first place in the conference with Worcester State following Worcester's shocking 1-0 loss at Framingham State on Saturday. The Owls can clinch at least a share of the conference regular season championship with a victory over Fitchburg State; the home game is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 27, at 7:00 p.m.

Freshman Jay Chelo of Ludlow recorded a hat trick for the Owls, who led 3-0 at halftime. Senior standout Karl Labadorf tallied a goal and two assists. Sophomore Chris Whalley of Southwick and freshman Andy McDavitt both had a goal and an assist.

Home Games This Week

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Men's Soccer

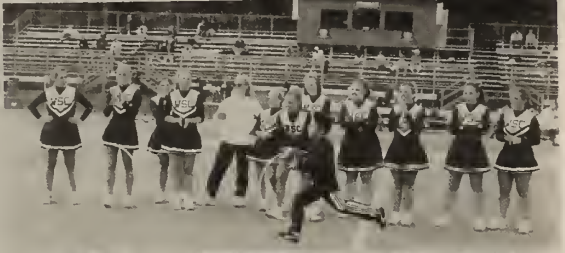
Conference Tournament Game, 6:00 p.m.

Class Registration Workshop For Student-Athletes

Monday, Oct. 30, in SGA Room

As an alternative to study hall Monday, Oct. 30, student athletes are asked to attend a Class Registration Workshop. This workshop is to provide student-athletes information about class registration for spring 2000 classes. This workshop is mandatory if attending Monday study hall. This workshop does not take the place of advisement by your professors.

The workshop will include: class registration guidelines; timeline of events; student registration responsibilities; advising preparation; and registration process.



Westfield State College sponsored "Take A Kid To The Game" during the Owls' home football game vs. Maine Maritime on Oct. 7. Youth 14 and under, along with their parents, were admitted free of charge to the game. The youngsters participated in several activities on the field during halftime, and were cheered on by the Westfield State College football cheerleaders. Take A Kid to the Game is a nationwide program sponsored by the NCAA and the American Football Coaches Association.

Photos By Nancy Bals and Joel Perry

Field Hockey Captures Conference Crown With OT Victory

Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham scored off a long corner with 13:21 left in the second overtime to give Westfield State a thrilling 2-1 victory over Bridgewater State.

The victory gave Westfield State the Mass. State Conference championship outright. The Owls finished a perfect 5-0 in the MASCAC.

Westfield finished the regular season with a 11-5 record, tying a school record for victories in a season. The Owls hosted Worcester State last Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in a first round game of the Litte East Conference postseason tournament.

Assisting on the game-winning goal were Renee Gahan, also a freshman from Waltham, and senior Shannon Weaver of Huntington.

Westfield tied the score with 35 seconds left in the first half on a goal by freshman Theresa Yacovone of East Longmeadow.

Worcester Eliminates Westfield

Worcester State defeated Westfield State, 1-0, in a first round game of the Little East Conference field hockey postseason tournament.

Worcester, the No. 5 seed in the tournament, evened its record at 9-9. Westfield, seeded fourth, is 11-6.

Freshman Christen Watt of Quabbin Regional scored the game-winning goal off a penalty corner.

Westfield won at Worcester State, 4-1, during the regular season but the Lancers were minus four starters in that game.

"We played well, we dominated both halves," said Westfield State coach Heather Cabral. "Unfortunately in a game like this, it can be decided on one play, and they made it. But I couldn't have asked any more from my players."

The future looks bright for the Owls as their three leading scorers this season were all freshmen. Only two seniors were on the squad: captain Brooke Wadhams and Shannon Weaver.

"Those are two big shoes to fill, but the only two spaces available," said Cabral. "For this team, we accomplished all the goals we set before the season. We went undefeated in the MASCAC (5-0), made the Little East playoffs, and earned a home game playoff berth."

Check out
Westfield State Athletics
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Members of the Mass. State Conference championship field hockey team in the first row, left to right, are: Jill Annunciata, Theresa Yacovone, Meg Perreault, Julieann Flynn, B.J. Dion, Mary Bishop, Nikki Girolamo, Brooke Wadhams, Alison Prall, Nikki Eslen, Kelly Barthelmes, Renee Gahan. Second row: assistant coach Karen Pawllshen, Christina D'Ambrosio, Shannon Weaver, Kelly Walsh, Teri Phipps, Sara Monahan, Kristy McWilliams, Karen Oliveira, head coach Heather Cabral. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Volleyball Outlasted By Bridgewater In Showdown

Bridgewater State held off Westfield State to capture the Mass. State Conference championship. Bridgewater, 14-14 overall, finished 7-0 in the conference. Westfield, 10-9 overall, finished 6-1 in the MASCAC.

Westfield won the first game 15-12, but Bridgewater won the final three games 15-11, 15-6, 15-12. Bridgewater jumped out to 11-0 and 11-4 leads in the second and fourth sets, then held off furious Westfield comebacks.

"It's a little difficult to analyze the match because both teams are so different," said Westfield State coach Hilary Ducharme. "Bridgewater has more size than we do but we are more athletic.

"Our defense was a key in keeping us in the game and helping us come back. What we have to learn how to do is put teams away in close matches."

Sophomore Katelyn Foley led the Owls with 20 kills and eight digs. Junior Sarah Cormier had 30 assists.

"Katelyn played well, 20 kills is a lot in four games," said Ducharme. "And Leah (Schmidt) played well defensively."

Sarah Cormier sets the volleyball while Larissa Farrell gets ready to go airborne for a kill shot.
Mickey Curtis Photo

Women's Soccer Falls In Tourney

BRIDGEWATER - Freshman Kimberly Rhodes recorded her first hat trick as Bridgewater State jumped out to a 5-1 lead and held on to defeat Westfield State, 5-3, in the semifinals of the inaugural Mass. State Conference championship women's soccer tournament.

Rhodes scored the match's first three goals, including a pair 35 seconds apart to pace the Bears to a 4-1 halftime lead.

Bridgewater increased the lead to 5-1 when freshman Natalie Lyons put in a goal on a breakaway in the opening minutes of the second half. Westfield pulled to within striking distance with a pair of goals less than five minutes apart with under 15 minutes left in the game.

Bridgewater goalie Kristen Young came up with three spectacular saves late in the game.

Westfield, which finished its season 7-9-1, received goals from Megan Borsari, Krista DiCarlo, and Janet Bourget.

Bridgeware State, 9-8, will advance to the championship game on Sunday at top seeded Framingham State. The Rams advanced to the finals by eliminating Worcester State in penalty kicks following four overtime sessions.

Westfield 1 - Plymouth 1

Westfield State and Plymouth State battled to a 1-1 tie in nonconference women's soccer in the Owls' regular season finale .

Senior Krista DiCarlo scored Westfield's only goal with 4:43 left in the first half. Plymouth tied the score with 9:57 left in regulation.

Carrie Poulon, a Westfield native and Plymouth's leading scorer, made a nice touch pass to get credit for the assist on the game-tying goal.

The Owls outshot Plymouth State, 20-7.

Football Team Erases Early Deficit To Defeat UMass Boston, 27-12

BOSTON - Westfield State College overcame an early 12-0 deficit to defeat U-Mass Boston, 27-12 in a New England Football Conference game.

The Owls improved to 3-4 overall while the Beacons dropped to 1-7.

U-Mass Boston took a 6-0 lead with 10 minutes left in the first half, marching 43 yards on six plays to score on its first drive, a one-yard plunge by freshman fullback Tom Carafella. The score was set up by a 17-yard run to the 1 by senior tailback Frank Campo, who played for Westfield State his freshman year.

The Beacons quickly scored again when Campo capped a 39-yard drive with a four-yard touchdown run.

Westfield broke into the scoring column when quarterback John Frasco found Matt Yvon for a 25-yard touchdown toss with 1:35 left in the first quarter. Frasco completed three other passes during the six-play, 69-yard drive.

The Owls took the lead for good, 14-12, midway through the second quarter when fullback Jesse Phelps capped a five-play, 42-yard drive with a two-yard touchdown run.

Westfield scored three minutes later on a three-yard run by Frasco. The TD was set up when Westfield took over at the U-Mass Boston nine following a bad snap on a Beacon punt attempt.

Westfield's final touchdown, a two-yard run by Frasco, came with 8:52 left in the game and capped a 12-play, 70-yard drive that lasted just over six minutes.

U-Mass Boston threatened to score again with its final two drives reaching the Westfield 27 and 19 yard lines, respectively, but was stopped on downs both times.

Frasco accounted for 156 yards of total offense, completing 7 of 14 passes for 106 yards, and rushing for 50 net yards on 19 carries. He threw three interceptions, however. Junior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield rushed for 80 yards on 18 carries and fullback P.J. Lorentzen carried the ball six times for 42 yards. Yvon caught five passes for 84 yards.

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Personals

I stole a Duck from the Duck pond and sold it to the dining commons. Was that wrong?

Yankee's fans have no heart

There is an old homeless man under my bed. He smells, but I respect him.

Katelyn F...do you dream about me?

I use the Voice to line my cat's litter box.

Pre makes me moist

The columnists in the Campus Voice need to stop complaining to each other and get drunk instead.

Kristen in Courtney - it's about time you got a nice boyfriend.

Danny, Kathleen and Amy- The slut ghost is around.

Eric, get another hickey! Hickey boy!!

Big Mac is not the ladies snack.

Patrick Swayze has a big cranium.

SH- you're out of control.

Is that cute alto player in the J.B. quartet really married?

Too many ex-girlfriends on campus...not enough firearms

Watch out for the St. Bernard! She's out to get you

A girl walked by my window the other day...she was hot...come back!

Frasco 3 pics

Hey Deb...I hear there is another boy in Scanlon who needs to be saved.

SM- where'd your hippie boy go?

nice mullet clouts

Seana, get a clue...no- one likes you

To Steve the firefighter- Please pay me "the visit" - secret admirer

Congrats Women's x-country...Champs 5 years in a row!

Bubbles vs. Dress... finals coming soon

Happy 20th Bday Ashley! Love, K.D., E.L., K.P, M.G.

Hey Shalimar- it's a Backstreet Boy

Katelyn on the volleyball team- will you marry me?

The kid from 'Behind the Shades' needs to get out from behind them and under my covers.

I bet that the residents of Westfield love the fact that drinking isn't allowed most parts of campus so students are forced to drive to parties.

Cheer up Nadia- U can do SO much better

Pat- urban legends my a**. Functioning Alcoholic.

Erin R. in my nutrition class, please hug me

Sue- I'm your private dancer. Dancer for bagels.

Brian, do you know you have a square head?

CS- we conquered our goals

Marc Anthony and George Micbal were in our apt.

We want the girl on Spring St. to move in with us.

Let's hear it for Random nights!

Big Mac is certainly not the ladies snack

Hey- who dropped the Tom bomb?

Maybe if this campus wasn't so boring and the security so anal we wouldn't have had 398 liquor viloations in 1999!

EXCUSE ME FLOW

Hey Steve..nice water bed..try a toilet next time
Love,
Becky and Kim

Nice sweater, Gill

The RA's in Courtney drink with me every Thursday

I am madly in love with Josh

If you want to see perfection, go see the men in 1A1, "They're terrific!" Animals

Senator Sarah- Don't let the residential presidential power go to your head.

Be a tour group leader for Wed. at Westfield- a great way to meet girls

Mike is spectacular!

It's not cool to talk about how much you drink...you donkeys

Gebo, RD+B/ON
splinter=Nightmares

It is so diffucult to hide true feelings. Sooner or later they will shine through and the world will know how much I care for you.

Melissa+beer+stairs= broken foot Luv, Karen and Lisa

Adriano Cosentino you're an Italian Stallion!! Ride me baby...xxoo

Where's our list?

The boys in Lammers A213 scare me.

Have you ever filled slots?

Lets go back to New York guys!!

I love my bum.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

ACROSS
1 "The — Panther"
5 Harder to find
10 Make small talk
14 Strong — ox
15 In flames
16 Bring — the bacon
17 Exhaust
18 Clutch
19 Ireland
20 Edible snail
22 Changes
24 Unpaid, as a bill
25 Vast chasm
27 Comrades
31 Not figurative
35 Rendered fats
36 Actor Arkin
36 Cloy
39 "— on a Grecian Urn"
40 Static — (fashion problem)
41 Snake
42 Walking stick
44 Danger
45 Sends (a letter)
47 Moscow citadel
49 Hoax
51 Window parts
53 Toronto's prov.
54 Raid
57 Financial
62 Walk, trot, or gallop
63 Dipper
65 — Scotia
66 Foot part
67 Author — Allan Poe
68 Fashion designer St Laurent
69 Pink
70 Oozes
71 Webbing

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1 Top of one's head
2 Egyptian goddess
3 Undercover cop
4 Prepared dough
5 Tattered
6 Curly hairdo
7 Lariat
8 Bitter vetch
9 Giving back
10 Brie and Gouda
11 Trombone or trumpet
12 Surrounded by
13 Decades
21 Is up for election
23 Denver hrs.
26 Empty spaces
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26 Airplane tracker
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40 Rustles
43 Understanding
45 Ont.'s neighbor
46 Word meaning the opposite
48 Fond du —, Wis.
50 Suitors
52 Riverbank plant
54 Seaweed product
55 Polynesian food
56 Spasms
58 Applaud
59 Relocate
60 Singer Burl —
61 Money
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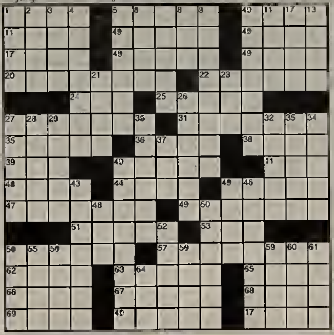
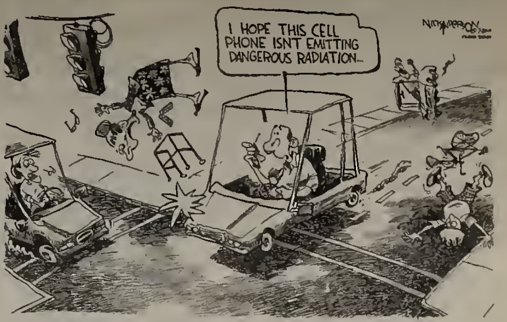
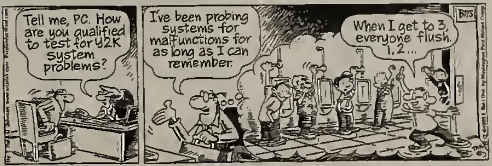
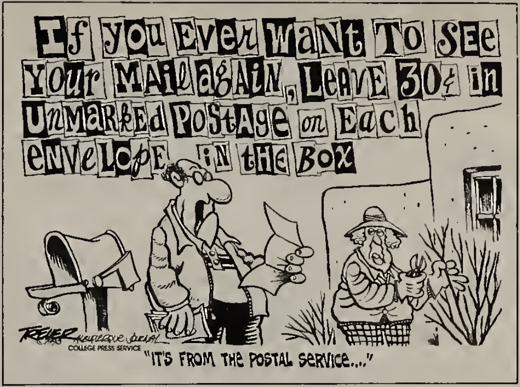



I HOPE THIS CELL PHONE ISN'T EMITTING DANGEROUS RADIATION...
NICK ANDERSON

DON'T WORRY, DEAR. SOMEDAY YOUR PRINTS WILL COME.
THUMBELINA AT PUBERTY
VLEE


Tell me, PC. How are you qualified to test for Y2K system problems?
I've been probing systems for malfunctions for as long as I can remember.
BOYS
When I get to 3, everyone flush. 1, 2...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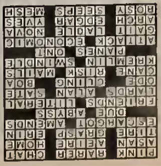
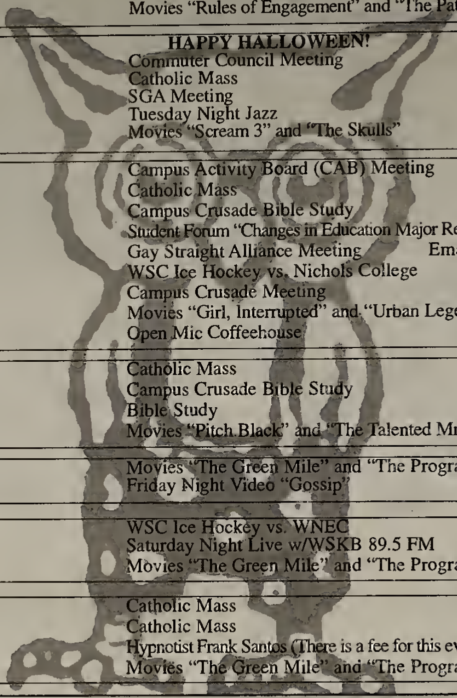


WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events



Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 10/30	4:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Rules of Engagement" and "The Patriot"	Channels 56&57
Tue 10/31		**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**	
	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Scream 3" and "The Skulls"	Channels 56&57
Wed 11/1	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Student Forum "Changes in Education Major Requirement"	Wilson Aud. A&B
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Email: wsc_gsa_1@hotmail.com
	7:00 p.m.	WSC Ice Hockey vs. Nichols College	Amelia Ice Arena
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Girl, Interrupted" and "Urban Legend"	Channels 56&57
	8:00 p.m.	Open Mic Coffeehouse	Ely Main Lounge
Thur 11/2	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Pitch Black" and "The Talented Mr. Ripley"	Channels 56&57
Fri 11/3	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Green Mile" and "The Program"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Video "Gossip"	Ely Lower Lounge
Sat 11/4	7:00 p.m.	WSC Ice Hockey vs. WNEC	Amelia Ice Arena
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Green Mile" and "The Program"	Channels 56&57
Sun 11/5	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Hypnotist Frank Santos (There is a fee for this event)	Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Green Mile" and "The Program"	Channels 56&57

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Faculty Support Our Union's Bargaining Team

Students and professors picketed at WSC entrance last Wednesday. -Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

WSC community called to picket line

MSCA holds picket line demanding fair contract

By Jackie Stutervant
Voice Reporter

Students and faculty of Westfield State College conducted an informational picket line on behalf of the Massachusetts State College Association, which began last Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in front of Parenzo Hall.

The picket line was held by Westfield's chapter of MSCA in response to the ongoing teacher contract negotiation struggles. The faculty of Massachusetts State Colleges has been without a contract for three and a half years, and gone through almost sixty negotiation sessions to no avail, according to the MSCA.

Faculty and students worked in sporadic teams throughout the day to stand at the main entrance of the college, holding signs that read, "State College Faculty and Librarians Deserve a Decent Contract," and "No More B.H.E. [Board of Higher Education] Bull! Strike Now!!"

Walter Korzec, Professor of Art, who has been teaching here at Westfield for 29 years, was the first to begin the demonstration. "This is just a reminder that we've been without a

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Asst. Director of the Counseling Center visits SGA

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

The Assistant Director of the Counseling Center at Westfield State College said that they provide individuals, couples and some group counseling at the Center, during the Student Government Association meeting last Tuesday night.

Suzanna Adams, a U.S. mental health certified counselor and Assistant Director of the Counseling Center, said, "The counseling center is accredited by the Association of Counseling Services."

Mandy Miranda, President of SGA, introduced Adams at the meeting. "We are going to have a speaker from a different department come

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Education forum held to inform majors of changes

Federal Report Card to rate colleges' performances will determine aid

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

A passing rate of 80% on the Massachusetts Education Certification Test is now required for all Massachusetts colleges and universities, or the schools face the possibility that they may lose all federally funded financial aid, said Joan Rasool, the Assistant Dean of Education at the Education Forum held last week.

The first Federal Report Card on the schools' performances on the teacher's test will be released on April 7, 2002, said Rasool. The Report Card will publish the passing rates of all schools. A passing rate is a score over 70. After this information is released, the government will then tag all schools who have lower than an 80% passing rate as "at risk of becoming low performing," she said. "If a school is tagged as having a low performance," she said, "the school will then go under investigation, and receive support and remediation."

This Report Card will contain the test scores from the 1999-2000 year, she said. The next three Report Cards will consist of the test scores from this year's seniors, juniors, and sophomores. It is these three years that will determine if a school will maintain its federal aid, Rasool said.

Dr. Lopes, Vice President of Academic Affairs, said that the school is striving to reach the 80% passing rate. He said that in 1998, the Westfield State test scores had about a 23% passing rate, and all the colleges and universities in Massachusetts had about a 59% passing rate. "We now require students to pass the teacher test before they can do their student teaching," Lopes said. "By placing it before student teaching, we hope to have a 100% passing rate," he said.

Lopes said that if WSC, or any school, becomes a low performance school for three years running, there

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-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

From Left: VP Lopes, Kate Stanne, and Joan Rassool spoke at the education forum to inform students of changes in the major.

Roh Ward, Jay Harding at the Coffeehouse. -Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Second Coffeehouse held in Ely

By Jed Dion
& Tom Perron
Voice Staff

The second coffeehouse of the fall kicked off last Wednesday, November 1. Many were in attendance as Ely was transformed into a performance space for WSC students and non students.

The event was sponsored by C.A.B. and music was provided between performers by WSKB's own Duck and Venus. The duo spun tunes for the entire night, plugging their show on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm.

The first performers were Rob Ward and Jay Harding. The duo was made up of guitar and vocals and contained three original tunes and one cover of "Outside" by Fred Durst. One of the original tunes was brand new, being only one week of age.

The next performer made two appearances throughout the night. Jon Morgan made his first appearance as the second performer, playing piano and singing the song "Have a little faith in me." The piano was kept alive as Wayne Hsiao and

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Education Prof. co-authors book

By Public Affairs
Special to the Voice

If anyone needs an in-depth understanding of young adolescents, it is middle school teachers. Yet the authors of a new book on adolescence found few resources for teachers about this important stage of life.

So Trudy Knowles, Associate Professor of Education at Westfield State College, and Dave Brown, Associate Professor of Education at West Chester University in

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is a real possibility that federal financial aid could be removed from the college, which would affect all students. This removal of aid would include Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, and any other federal grants. "They will not just take away federal aid from the education program," he said, "they'll take it away from our institution."

Rasool said that the new regulations are a way for the federal government to ensure our teachers are pmperly knowledged and trained. "The federal government wants to hold future teachers and educators accountable," she said.

WSC's education program has made changes to help students pass the test and to improve the school's passing rate, according to Rasool. "Recognizing that we have these standards to meet," she said, "we want to provide additional support."

Rasool said that one change is to offer a Prep. Course for the teacher test in Spring 2001, which students need to pay a fee for. She said that this course is primarily designed for someone who hasn't taken the test or who has only failed it once. "If you've taken the test a few times and failed, we would rather sit with you one on one," she said.

Rascol said that there are also free services available in the Reading and Writing Center. Kate Stanne, Assistant Professor in the Movement Science department, stressed the importance of participating in the support programs offered. "You need to be committed to that practice," she said. "That's the difference in what it's going to take."

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> -Joan Rasool

Rascol said that having a liberal studies background is good preparation as well. She said that this background is also good to have when looking for a job. "Employers want educators to be competent to give instructions, help students learn, and have a strong background in what they will be teaching," she said. She also said that education students should take their core courses very seriously.

The education students who attended the forum expressed their concerns on issues in the Education Department as well. One issue many students brought up concerned advising. A sophomore, who is a history major and is in the Secondary Education program, said that her Secondary Education advisor did not know what was going on and that she received conflicting advice from her two advisors. Many other students said that they too received different messages from their two advisors.

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Joan Rasool at Ed. Forum.

Rascol said that Richard Frank, the new Chair of the Education Department, has been talking about doing some group advising to try to solve some of the advising problems.

Dr. Lopes said that if any student does have a problem with his or her advisor, it should be reported so a new advisor can be found. "If there is an issue of professional effort with advisors, share it with Dr. Rasool, so that she can share it with the advisor," he said.

Another issue that was addressed was that many of the students involved in the Education program are unable to finish the work in four years. The question "Should we be aiming to do this in four years, or should we accept that it will take five years," was raised by a freshman student.

Shalimar Colon, a senior and an education student, said that a reason the upperclassmen are having problems finishing in four years is that the teacher test wasn't around their first year, which was a disadvantage for them in terms of planning.

Rasool said that the Registrar is also aware of the problem, and tries to help out when possible. She also said that "It is still a tight squeeze."

Another issue raised was if education students could graduate if they still had to complete their student teaching. Rasool said that if a student has everything completed but student teaching, he or she is allowed to walk and participate in the graduation ceremony, and then return in the fall to complete the student teaching.

Dr. Lopes said students must write a letter if they want permission to do this though. He said that there will be an announcement in the spring as to when students should do this.

Jen Plourd, a junior and Education major, spoke briefly about the Student National Educators Association at the forum as well. Plourd, who is the Treasurer of SNEA, said that they are trying to build back up the student chapter of SNEA on campus. "We're working on getting workshops for professional development, fundraising, volunteer work, and things that will get us better prepared for our future," she said. Plourd said that the next meeting of SNEA will be held on November 15 for any students interested.

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From the Editor's Desk

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WSC Nutritionist fully booked

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down to SGA every week," said Miranda. Adams handed out brochures describing the Counseling Center's services and introduced the staff by name. "We have trained professionals and interns on staff in our offices in Lammers," said Adams.

The Counseling Center also has a nutritionist on board this year, said Adams. "Having a nutritionist on staff this year is very helpful to the students. We have been so utilized that the nutritionist is booked for the rest of the semester, and will not be accepting new clients until next semester," said Adams.

"We also do a lot of educational programming. The money we receive from things, like 5-5-50 for alcohol violations, goes towards programming for the students here at the college." said Adams. "We spend some of it on the substance abuse classes that the students have to go to and some goes to programs like karaoke and other activities on campus," be said.

Adams told the SGA members that they do a lot of self-help programs that are open to the campus. "We are holding programs on eating disorders and sexual assault in the near future," said Adams.

Adams also told members that there is a new group resource room at the Counseling Center for seasonal affect disorder. "This is a disorder of depression that occurs in the winter months. Students can make appointments to sit under a light that will help to feed the brain the extra sunlight you don't get in the winter months," said Adams.

Other issues that were discussed at SGA included a few clothing and food drives that are coming up, as well as toy drives for Christmas held in the upcoming months, according to class officers and other SGA members.

Shalimar Colon, Student Trustee for WSC, said that they will be holding a mock-election on November 7. "Our mock-election will be held in various locations around campus on the same day as the national presidential election, to see who our college campus is voting for and to encourage people to really vote on that day," said Colon.

Colon also said that the third and final forum questioning whether or not police officers on campus should have guns will be held on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Third World room.

The Neighborhood Association Committee will be collecting money and clothing in the next few weeks for Thanksgiving and Christmas, according to Senator Julie Arrison. "We are holding a Salvation Army Turkey Drive for Thanksgiving that we are collecting money for. We are also collecting clothing for HartSprings in the Ely Main lounge," said Arrison. The class of 2001 volunteered to help the NAC with their drives.

Vice-President of programming, Maggie Smith, said that the week of fun begins this week. "There will be a coffeehouse on Wednesday, Frank Santos will be here on Sunday, and then "Say What?" Karaoke auditions will be on Monday night, walk-ins welcome, and the actual event will be on Wednesday," said Smith.

The Campus Activities Board is also considering having a Rap Artist and two comedians come to campus on November 16 from Atlanta, GA. "We want to experiment with different types of music at WSC," said Smith.

Richie Walsh, Senator from the Board of Governors, told SGA that they are discussing moving the video arcade and putting something in it's place. "We will move it if we can figure out what to put there instead," said Walsh.

Walsh also said that the Board decided on Toys for Tots for their Christmas drive. This was addressed by concerns from Senator Chris Ward. "In the past I have heard a lot of negative things about Toys for Tots and that they do not distribute the toys to children deserving of them, but to children of middle-class families and that they make the highest over-head of any organization like this. All their money goes to management...maybe we should consider another organization," said Ward.

Miranda closed the meeting by congratulating the Classes of 2001 and 2003 on the Halloween Masquerade.

Many in college community support faculty's cause

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contract for too many years…this isn't good for the campus in terms of the how people will view the educatioo picture in Massachusetts," Korzec said.

Michael Engel, Professor of Political Science, was also present. "I wish we were on strike…but at least it [the picket line] is a start…but I can only speak for myself," said Engel.

Jack Szpiler, Head of the Psychology Department, agrees with Engel. "I think we should strike." (It is illegal for teacher's unions to strike in Massachusetts.)

"We teach here because we want to be here, but we get garbage. We've gone three and a half years without a contract. The Board of Higher Education has called us horrible names—we've been called idiots…we're tired of being disrespected. I love to work with students…it's terrifically rewarding. Boston doesn't give the same thanks… I'd like to see a state-wide strike. What's the alternative?…There have been almost 60 negotiation sessions—am I going to die first or get a contract?" said Szpiler.

> "He [President Woodward] doesn't seem to have a clue as to what's going on on at the campus."
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> -Buzz Hoagland

Buzz Hoagland, Professor of Biology and member of the executive council of MSCA, said that he was participating in the picket line because he wants to get the attention of President Woodward. "He doesn't seem to have a clue as to what's going on at the campus. He doesn't understand the low morale the faculty has going three years without a contract….it's a real pathetic state [for the college to be in]," said Hoagland.

Gerald Tetrault, president of WSC's chapter of the MSCA, hopes that the picket will "mobilize our campus and bring it to Boston." "Hopefully the picket will also encourage students to get in touch with their parents and in turn have their parents get in touch with the legislators."

Tetrault said that he wants to "put the heat on the representatives (who can overrule the Governor, Paul Cellucci, who opposes the Union]."

Students were also on site to support the faculty. Lisa Edwards, Class of 2001, said she came because, "The faculty has supported my friends and I more than anyone else on this campus. But I'm not as educated as I could be as to what's going on in the issues—what's the big hold up? I will support them [the faculty] even though we should be more educated in what we are supporting."

"So far the faculty has really supported the students," said freshman Joe Kroll, who was also present at the picket line. Kroll asked, "If you don't have a faculty, how can you have a school?"

"I think they should get a contract. I think it's unfair that they've gone three and a half years without one. I've heard some of my professors say that they were upset that President Woodward got his raise and they've been waiting for over three years," Debbie Fullerton, Class of 2004 said.

Mandy Miranda, President of the Student Government Association spoke on behalf of student government leaders. "We are in complete support of the faculty and staff at Westfield State College. and will continue to remain a non-partisan group. We will factor non-bias, factual information in regarding the contracts to the students," she said.

In response to the picketing, President Woodward and VP Jackson claimed to be supportive.

Woodward said, "The faculty deserve a decent contract; they deserve higher salaries that equate to other institutions."

Vice President Jackson had similar views. "Clearly this situation has gone a long time in terms of the faculty going without a contract. We all…are concerned with finding a solution. I support an equitable contract." Jackson also "hopes it [the ongoing negotiation struggle] will not deter from the academic mission of the college."

Middle-school Ed. book written

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Pennsylvania, wrote *What Every Middle School Teacher Should Know.*

Recently published by Heinemann, Inc., the book deals with the physical, cognitive, social and emotional changes of adolescence in the context of middle school education. It also includes a review of changes in middle school education, such as teaming, advisory groups and flexible scheduling.

"Dave and I wrote this book because of our frustration over the lack of books for middle-school teachers that really reflect the intensity and enthusiasm of middle-school students," Knowles said.

The authors believe that the most effective learning environments are created when teachers and adolescents work democratically. In these environments, the teacher operates as a facilitator who actively assists students in their quest for answers.

"If we want our students to be successful, we must pay attention to changes in their development, understand the challenges that lie ahead of them, and listen to what they say — every one of them," Knowles writes.

Knowles helps coordinate the middle-level education program at Westfield State and is actively involved in the education of young adolescents through her work in local schools and middle school educator professional associations. Brown, a former teacher and coach on the middle and high school levels, has researched and written extensively on the challenges of middle school teaching and leads workshops on the middle-level teaching.

The 176-page paperback book costs $16 and may be purchased from Heinemann at www.heinemann.com or 361 Hanover Street, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801-3912.

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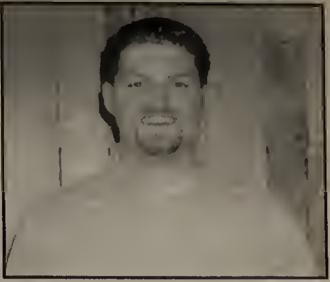

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FAMILY: 1 BROTHER, 1 SISTER, DOG NAMED TIPPY

YEAR AT WSC: SENIOR

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LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: WALKING TO '333'

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Gore, Bush set out closing arguments

By Dan Balz & Ed Walsh
Washington Post

Al Gore and George W. Bush set out their closing arguments Monday, with the vice president warning that Bush's ``old ways" would threaten the economic gains of the past eight years and the Texas governor saying his election would help move the country beyond the ``confrontation and stalemate" of the Clinton-Gore era.

As Gore barnstormed through the upper Midwest and Bush campaigned in New Mexico and California, their campaigns intensified massive get-out-the-vote activities and frantically shifted resources from one battleground to another seeking to gain an edge in what remains the closest race for the White House in decades.

Gore issued a populist appeal to voters in Wisconsin and Michigan by blasting big drug companies and health maintenance organizations, while his vice presidential running mate Joseph I. Lieberman intensified Democratic criticism of Bush as too inexperienced to be entrusted with the presidency.

Calling the presidency ``the biggest, most important, complicated job probably in the world," Lieberman told a rally in Green Bay, Wis., ``Let me tell you honestly. George Bush is not ready to be president of the United States. Maybe some time."

The Texas governor peppered his own address in Albuquerque with sharp criticisms of his Democratic rival, but sought to cast the coming presidential vote as more than a difference of opinion on specific issues.

``This election has many issues, but one great question," he said. ``Can we bring America together, move beyond the petty arguments and get results for the American people? This is the question the American people must answer. And if they answer the question yes, we will win."

Bush exuded confidence as he made his way west Monday, telling supporters in New Mexico not only that he would win that state's five electoral votes but also that by election day California would be ``Bush country as well."

Bush is still running behind Gore in the nation's biggest state, but Monday night began two days of campaigning there with one-time rival Arizona Sen. John McCain, who took on the Democrats over their challenge of Bush's experience, calling it a ``desperation tactic." At a rally in Burbank, McCain said, ``One of the benefits of growing old is that I remember that there was another. governor of a big state the Democrats said was not experienced enough to be president of the United States. And his name was Ronald Reagan."

Bolstered by the presence of McCain, Bush is making a concerted effort to rally Republicans and reach out to independents in California, a state GOP nominees have ignored in recent elections. From there he will travel to Oregon and Washington, two states that have voted Democratic in the past three elections but remain competitive, before returning to the Midwest.

Gore will follow Bush to California this week and also plans a campaign stop in Oregon as well, where Green Party candidate Ralph Nader continues to complicate his hopes of winning the state. But Gore has decided to skip Washington in the final week amid apparent confidence in his camp that the state has begun to move his way.

The vice president, who was joined by Lieberman Monday, sharpened his attack on corporate interests as he sought to mobilize his supporters.

``They're hoping you'll have a fuzzy view of what this election is all about," Gore said, alluding to Bush's line from the debates that the vice president was using ``fuzzy math" to attack him. ``They tremble at the thought that you will see clearly now."

Gore said that on Election Day, the voices of individual Americans will resonate more loudly than all the money behind the special interests in Washington. ``One day every four years, the people have an opportunity to make that choice to speak more loudly and clearly with more power than all of the special interests put together," he said.

Seeking to make his opponent appear a risk in office, Gore said that Bush's ``idea of environmental protection is putting the big polluters in charge of our environmental laws."

Comparing the two tax plans, Gore said, ``Here is the difference, my plan targets its benefits to the middle class, Governor Bush's plan targets its benefits to the wealthiest of the wealthy. They're the ones financing his camp for the most part."

Bush has demonstrated that he is not adverse to the slashing political attack, both against Gore and earlier against McCain. Monday he accused Gore of practicing ``the politics of division" and said Democrat attacks were ``designed to spread falsehoods and cynicism."

But the Texas governor's candidacy has always been deeply rooted in his effort to project himself as a conciliatory political figure in his home state and a promise that be would bring the same qualities to national politics, ending what he described Monday as ``the confrontation and stalemate of the last eight years."

So Monday, delivering a new speech from a prepared text in front of a banner that proclaimed ``Bringing America Together," Bush contrasted himself with the message of ``falsehood and cynicism" that he said was being spread by Gore.

``My opponent cannot bring America together because he practices the politics of division," Bush said. But, he went on, ``I will bring people together. In Texas, I have worked with Democrats, and been endorsed by Democrats. ... Washington is a different place, I understand that, but my goals are the same. We will not divide and conquer. We will inspire and unite. ... We are going to prove that politics can be better and higher."

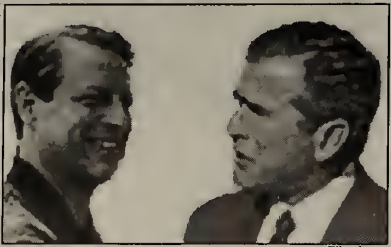
But his running mate, Richard B. Cheney, made clear that the final days of this presidential campaign could be negative and nasty on both sides, charging that the Democratic ticket is the one lacking the experience to run the country.

``If there's one ticket lacking experience, it seems to me it's those guys ... who spent virtually their entire careers in elected office, getting paid by the government, never making a payroll and living inside the Beltway in Washington, D.C.," Cheney said in Dubuque, Iowa. ``Neither one of them ever ran anything."

Cheney, a former defense secretary who has routinely criticized the Clinton-Gore administration on military issues, went much further Monday, saying of Gore: ``He is not up to the task in my opinion of being commander-in-chief of this nation's armed forces."

National tracking polls continued to show a close race, with the two men virtually tied in several surveys and Bush narrowly leading in others. But the two presidential campaigns remained focused on the battle for individual states, which will determine who wins the necessary 270 electoral needed to become president.

Even at this late stage of the race, about 14 states remain up for grabs, stretching from one end of the country to another. While all are important in a race this close, two big states continue to loom largest to the strategists in both parties: Florida, with 25 electoral votes, and Michigan, with 18.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The two main candidates for Election

Unions in high-tech fight for their future

By Thomas Edsall
Washington Post

LANSING, Mich. - From the outside, it's only the back end of a tractor-trailer, parked discreetly in the lot off to the side of the Michigan AFL-CIO headquarters.

But the truck's interior houses one of the cutting-edge weapons of a revived American labor movement determined to use politics to reverse a 30-year decline in membership, to regain muscle at the bargaining table, and to assert a voice in public policy as the nation deals with economic globalization and expanding international trade.

The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) truck is a traveling high-tech phone bank. Local union volunteers sit inside with earphones and a mouse as the computer-driven dialing system punches out new calls. At each workstation, the name of the union member or retiree being called pops up on the screen. If a real person answers, the volunteer comes on the line to make the case for the Democratic ticket. If it's an answering machine, the volunteer clicks the mouse to leave a taped message from Mark Gaffney, president of the state AFL-CIO.

The truck - one of three deployed in battleground states this election - is emblematic of organized labor's conviction that succeeding at politics is crucial to ensuring its survival.

For the 2000 campaign, unions have engineered a massive deployment of members and money aimed at regaining Democratic control of Congress and keeping a Democrat in the White House.

A study by the Center for Responsive Politics found that labor contributions to federal candidates and parties totaled $56 million. While that is just a fraction of business giving, 93 percent of the money went to Democrats, making organized labor a critical part of the party's financial base.

But direct donations are only a small part of what unions are doing for Democrats this election - despite disagreements with Vice President Gore and other Democrats on free trade. Steve Rosenthal, AFL-CIO political director, estimates that 1,000 union officials are working full time on the election, while individual unions are organizing more than 100,000 volunteers for nightly phone backs, weekend door-knocking and Election Day canvassing. Every member of an AFL-CIO-affiliated union will get at least two pieces of mail, along with at least two phone calls.

Here in Michigan, union members are the backbone of the Democratic Party, helping fill the halls for Gore-Lieberman rallies and answering the party's calls for volunteers.

A relatively small union, the Painters and Allied Trades, is omnipresent at political events across the country. ``Politics and organizing are one and the same," said Midwest representative Dan Fleichhaker, who said his union alone will put 30,000 volunteers in the field.

Faced with the National Rifle Association's effort to wrest union men from the Democratic Party, the AFL-CIO has posted on a special Web site a sample flier declaring, ``Al Gore Doesn't Want To Take Away Your Gun. But George W. Bush wants to take away your union."

Organized labor has a huge stake in the outcome of both the presidential election and the battle for control of Congress.

Union leaders warn that a Republican president would appoint National Labor Relations Board officials hostile to unions and have an Occupational Safety and Health Administration less committed to workplace safety.

If Republicans retain both branches of Congress, labor faces the threat of legislation weakening current overtime practices by shifting from the concept of a 40-hour workweek to an 80-hour two-week work period, giving employers much more leeway to avoid having to pay overtime.

Over the past six years, labor has blocked such Republican proposals with the threat of a presidential veto. The election of a Republican president would not only eliminate this constraint on Congress, but a GOP president would likely appoint top Labor Department officials who would attempt to restrict the use of union dues for legislative and political communication to members.

``The old cliche is true, what we gain at the bargaining table, we can lose at the ballot box," said Dick Long, who runs the United Auto Workers political program out of union headquarters in Detroit. ``What's at stake in this election? The union movement."

Labor's new political involvement is an outgrowth of the 1994 election, when Republicans took over both branches of Congress.

The election forced the recognition ``that we had lost our ability to influence our members, to influence policy in this country by electing people who shared our values," said Andy Stern, international president of the SEIU.

Facing the first Congress in 40 years with a clear anti-union majority, the AFL-CIO elected John Sweeney as its new president. He placed a new emphasis on political involvement and demonstrated a willingness to form coalitions with students, environmentalists, civil rights groups and religious organizations.

In 1996, organized labor under Sweeney experimented with a high-visibility television campaign that cost roughly $30 million but did not produce significant results. Since then, labor has concentrated on ``worker-to-worker" drives to register, persuade and mobilize its own members through phone banks, massive direct mailings and on-the-job contacts.

Polling suggests that this strategy is an effective tool to increase union member turnout and to improve the margin of support received by endorsed candidates. In a bitterly close election like the 2000 presidential contest, these differences can be crucial.

On path to peace, all parties must step cautiously

By Robin Wright
Los Angeles Times

PYONGYANG, North Korea -The Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, a cavernous complex here featuring downed American planes, captured U.S. tanks and piles of bullet-riddled GI helmets, hosted a most unlikely group last week.

The past met the future as North Korean guides escorted eight U.S. Marines through the 80-room museum, which contains a life-size panorama of key events in the 1950-53 Korean War - from the longest battle to the capture of a two-star American general - on the revolving top floor.

``It's the most impressive war museum I've ever seen," one Marine said.

The eerie encounter reflected the threshold crossed this month as Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's North Korean visit launched a detente process that may finally end half a century of hostility - and bring a formal end to the war.

Although the initial breakthrough unfolded at a breathtaking speed, rapprochement will take months, even years, of intense diplomacy that will often dredge up the painful past, U.S. officials now caution.

``It's a big step, but I think we have to be really careful about what we're hearing," said a senior U.S. official who traveled on Albright's plane. ``It's in a paper bag. We have to figure out really what's in it. And all of this is to be tested."

The process is now expected to occur in three phases, each with its own vulnerabilities.

The immediate test will come this week during a second round of U.S.-North Korean talks concerning ``Dear Leader" Kim Jong Il's pledge to Albright that Pyongyang is willing to agree to a long-term deal to scrap both the testing and the export of North Korea's longer-range ballistic missiles in exchange for assistance in launching its satellites.

The missile issue is the heart of recent tensions between the world's most Stalinist state and the most powerful democracy. North Korea's firing of a missile over Japan in 1998 ignited a regional crisis and intensified U.S. plans for a national missile-defense shield that could cost tens of billions of dollars.

The National Korean War memorial.
-File photo.

A team of U.S. arms experts, led by Robert Einhom, Assistant Secretary of State for nonproliferation, will seek to ``ensure that we have what we think we have," said a key member of the Albright team.

The goal will be to lay the groundwork for a visit to Pyongyang by President Clinton, probably next month as part of an Asian swing to Brunei and Vietnam, and a more formal agreement.

``There will be an element of risk involved" after the Einhom talks, the key participant said. ``There will still be a gap to close."

The final terms of a deal - particularly what is included and what is not, as well as the means of verifying or monitoring the agreement - will have to be concluded during direct negotiations between Clinton and Kim.

The United States also hopes to be able to announce plans to open a U.S. liaison office in Pyongyang - a forerunner to an embassy and the same kind of facility set up during detente with China in the 1970s - as a result of Clinton's visit.

The so-called framework agreement of 1994, which obliged the North to freeze its nuclear program in exchange for billions of dollars worth of aid from the United States, Japan and South Korea - including help in building two nuclear power plants - called for an exchange of liaison offices.

Albright's visit forced Washington to quickly put together what U.S. officials called a ``virtual embassy," with Marine security guards and a dozen diplomats who drove from Seoul across the demilitarized zone. All had full diplomatic immunity.

Barring a breakdown in diplomacy, the main glitch in setting up a liaison office will be the time required to assemble a team of diplomats, provide them with language training and then find and equip an appropriate facility.

The second, intermediate phase of rapprochement will involve not only the United States. A report by former Secretary of Defense William J. Perry commissioned by the Clinton administration after the 1998 missile episode concluded that the current North Korean government was around to stay -and that it could and should be dealt with diplomatically.

That report set in motion the formation of a coordinated effort by the United States, South Korea and Japan to use their combined leverage to address a wide range of outstanding issues, not all of which are equally important to all three.

Japan, for example, is demanding the hand-over of Japanese citizens abducted from its coastline by North Korea in the 1970s and '80s. South Korea's priority is reunification of the peninsula and of families divided since the war. The United States wants North Korea to stop offering a haven to terrorists and consorting with state sponsors of terrorism that target American interests and allies as far afield as the Middle East.

All three seek a tangible reduction in the military threat posed by the North, but even that desire takes different forms. Japan and the United States are concerned about longer-range ballistic missiles that might reach their shores.

South Korea, however, is more concerned about the conventional military threat from North Korea, reflected by the combined 1 million Korean and U.S. troops now deployed along the 2 1/2-mile-deep demilitarized zone, the most heavily fortified border in the world. Longer-range ballistic missiles can't target a landmass as close as South Korea.

Negotiating three diverse agendas will be ``very hard," said the key U.S. participant in last week's talks. ``It means we have to adopt each other's goals. It also means that sometimes we'll make more progress on another's goals than we will on our own."

The United States is also not the leader in the process. Detente with North Korea was the initiative of South Korean President Kim Dae Jung's ``sunshine policy," which led to his groundbreaking visit to Pyongyang this summer.

``Kim Dae Jung is a remarkable human being who had a vision and who has pursued it in a systematic way and has allowed the rest of us to build on what he has done," Albright said after the two-day talks here ended. ``I stood on the shoulders of a giant in order to be able to have the discussion with Kim Jong Il."

The third and long-term phase of upcoming negotiations will involve sorting out the past. It will center on converting an open-ended armistice into a formal treaty ending the Korean War. For now, the joint strategy of the South Koreans, Japanese and Americans is to create confidence-building measures, including economic aid to North Korea, as incentives leading to agreement on security issues later, U.S. officials say.

But Pyongyang has already surprised its partners in detente by holding talks between the defense ministers of the two Koreas, a step Washington did not expect for several months. Next will come steps such as a regulated dialogue, the establishment of a hot line between Seoul and Pyongyang, the exchange of visits and the observance of military exercises, U.S. officials say.

``We're still a year or more away from talks about real changes or real pullbacks," the key member of the Albright team said.

Along the way, the mind-sets of half a century will also have to change. As the Marines left the war museum after buying souvenir books and postcards, several wanted to take a picture with an elderly military officer bedecked with ribbons. But the North Korean balked.

``I don't like Americans," he said, fleeing down the street to avoid the encounter.

RU-486: How the French use it

Los Angeles Times

LE KREMLIN-BICETRE, France - A woman who decides to bort in France using the RU-486 ill embarks on a process that is upposed to last a little more than wo weeks and requires four vists to her doctor or a hospital or linic. The woman also must sign consent form certifying that she nderstands the procedure and is ware of the risks. The abortion osts the equivalent of $166, all f which except $33 is reimursed by the state-run health ystem.

Day 1 - The woman seeks an bortion, and a physician agrees. y French law, there is a mandaory delay of one week to allow he woman to reflect.

Day 8 - The woman swallows three RU-486 pills in the presence of her doctor or qualified medical personnel at a clinic or hospital. The synthetic hormone stops pregnancy and detaches the embryo from the wall of the uterus.

Day 10 - The woman returns to the clinic or hospital and receives a dose of another drug, prostaglandine, which causes the uterus to contract. In the majority of cases, the egg is expelled between the time the woman takes the pill and the several hours she is kept at the clinic or hospital after being given prostaglandine.

Day 15-16 - The woman returns for a checkup to ensure that expulsion of the egg is complete.

"Teach-In"

Wednesday, November 8

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Wilson Auditorium A

-Students are encouraged to attend to learn about faculty issues-

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Hi there, everyone. By the time you read this, it'll be November 6th, the eve of Election Day. For a great number of you, it'll be your first opportunity to vote for the President of the United States. This isn't a right that should be used on a whim, and it certainly isn't a right that you should just pass up like so many people are doing these days.

Therefore, I want to share with you a few of my silly little thoughts on the matter, to give you something to think about tonight. Now, I'm by no means any sort of authority on politics in general, or even on this presidential race specifically. In fact, I'd be the first to admit that I'm something of an idiot, so you can take anything I say with a grain of salt. I am, however, concerned with the state that a whole lot of things are in, and I think it's important to get these ideas out.

OK. First off, let me tell you that I am voting for Ralph Nader. When I first heard of Nader, I kind of dismissed him as "one of those college things" that can't be taken seriously. Kind of like people who try out vegetarianism or Buddhism, "just for kicks." But the more I looked into him, and the more Bush and Gore proved themselves to be a couple of first class cretins, the more I considered Ralph a viable option. His views are very much in line with my own. He is against private campaign funding by large corporations. He's pro-choice, but claims the government should take a more active role in eliminating the very need of abortions (which I have taken to mean coverage for birth control, educating youth on the matter, etc). He believes in universal health care. He's dedicated to preserving the environment. But most of all, he represents change. And this country needs a jolt to wake some people up.

Al Gore. Not a bad guy, I'm sure, but he needs to decide if he's running for president, or trying to get us to like him. "Hi. I'm Al, and I'm running for president. Did you notice that I'm not wearing a tie? Yessir, I'm one of you. No tie here. Nope. I love my wife dearly. Oh, yes indeed I do. See here? No tie. Because I'm one of you. Yep. I created the Internet, and I don't have a tie on. Vote for me." Ug.

And then there's Bush. Once again, a fine gentleman, but I'll let his "Bushisims" speak for themselves. You can find a complete list of them on www.slate.com. Here are a couple of real gems: "It's clearly a budget. It's got a lot of numbers in it." Uh-huh. "Anyway, after we go out and work our hearts out, after you go out and help us turn the vote, after we've convinced the good Americans to vote, and while they're at it, pull that old George W. lever, if I'm the one, when I put my hand on the Bible, the day they swear us in, when I put my hand on that Bible, I will swear to not—to uphold the laws of the land." Hmmmm. "I know the human being and the fish can coexist peacefully." Ummm....

Believe me, I've considered all the arguments against Nader. Will voting for him be taking a vote away from Gore? Yeah, probably. But then, I don't see too many people out there saying that Gore is great and is going to save the nation. It's more like "Gore: Well, He Sucks Less." Besides, the way the polls are today (and remember, I'm writing this a week before you're reading it), even if all Nader supporters threw in their votes for Gore, Bush would still be up. And, more importantly, if we don't decide to stop this "best of the worst" business, then things are never going to get any better. In fact, judging by the last few elections, they'll only get worse.

I know that Nader hasn't a shot at winning, but I still don't feel that I'm wasting a vote. I'm just thinking long term. I've accepted that for the next four years, things are going to be more of the same. But maybe, just maybe, if enough people vote for a third party, the general public will begin noticing that there is more out there than Republican and Democrat.

> **“I realize that politics isn't the most exciting pursuit. But it really doesn't take a lot of effort to familiarize yourself with issues that could affect your life.”**
>
> -Jon Sewell

Maybe in 2004, they'll allow Ralph to participate in the debates. I hope people realize that not only was Ralph not invited to debate, but that police would not even allow him into the building as an audience member. Obviously, Gore and Bush know that they should fear him. I assure you, if the American public had been able to see him speak on national television, if they could see how flimsy the other candidates' arguments really are, we would be looking at a very different presidential race.

But there's a whole other problem this election year. It's a problem that has been around for a while, and isn't getting any better. The absolute apathy displayed by the American public, particularly by those of our age group, is disheartening, to say the least. Some claim that none of the candidates are any good, so why vote at all? Others claim they do not know enough about the issues. Others just say they don't care. This is what scares me the most: people just not caring.

I realize that politics isn't the most exciting pursuit. But it really doesn't take a lot of effort to familiarize yourself with issues that could affect your life. And besides, this goes far beyond elections and offices.

Somehow, somewhere along the line, our priorities have gotten very screwed up. Wrong baseball team wins the World Series: riot.

A candidate whose ideology entirely differs from your own becomes the President of the United States and can make decisions that can affect your quality of life: shrug.

Wal-Mart runs out of Play Station 2's: riot.

There's a very good chance that Ree vs. Wade will be overturned in the matter of a couple years (however you may feel on the matter): shrug.

Fred Durst tells a crowd it would be cool to rush the stage: riot.

Our professors are still without contracts: shrug.

Does anybody else see a disturbing pattern here?

Somebody once said that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. I take this to mean that we have no right to enjoy the benefits of living in this great nation if we don't strive to make it better. And if you feel that everything is OK as it stands, please remember two points: 1) The majority of people at this college have led pretty damn cushy lives. Look around though, and you'll find that things aren't so wonderful for a whole lot of people; and 2) Docile contentment will always lead to stagnation. If you think your situation couldn't possibly improve any more, strive to improve the lot of another. Things can always be better.

In closing, I point you to www.votenader.com, Ralph's website. Here, you can find a pretty clear outline of his and the Green Party's platform. Check it out. And remember, there are all sorts of third party candidates besides Nader. Another site to check out is www.selectsmart.com. On it, you can choose a series of simple questions, and it will match you with the candidate who most closely aligns with your beliefs. It's horribly simplified, but it may give you a new prospective going into the election.

OK. I realize that my little manifesto is terribly incomplete and I've probably overlooked several key points. Man, I can just see the PoliSci majors and professors salivating. Well, knock yourselves out. I'd love the feedback. Hey, at least I've given you a chuckle. But please, remember to vote tomorrow, try to keep in mind some of my feeble points, and never stop striving to make this campus, state, nation, and world a better place to live.

Now, if you'll excuse me, Phil Mickelson just double bogied, so I'm off to start a riot. See ya.

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

Campus Grounds Improvements

Last year, in an attempt to improve the quality of the campus grounds, the college hired an arborist to assess the health of trees on the campus. A detailed report was developed which indicated that a number of trees were diseased and should be removed. The report recommended that other trees be removed for the safety of the campus community. It also recommended that trees in certain areas of the campus be thinned to promote the healthy growth of others.

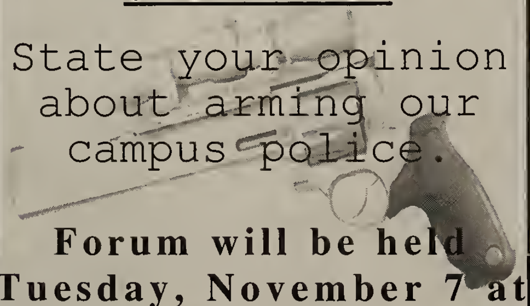
As part of the study, the arborist was asked to make recommendations on a long-term approach the college could institute to plant new trees in a fashion that would prevent the spread of disease. One recommendation called for the planting of heartier species that were not prone to disease. Another recommendation called for the planting of different species, which would help prevent disease.

The department has also made an effort to solicit suggestions from faculty and staff regarding plantings and trees that they would like to see planted on the campus. For the past three years, the college has hired a landscape architect to assist us in the design and selection of trees and shrubs. The college is also fortunate to have experienced groundskeepers on staff and one who possesses an Associates Degree in Landscape Architecture. We are also investigating to see if there is any opportunity available to hire or sponsor an intern from STCC or the Stockbridge School at UMass to help the college develop additional grounds related projects.

Over the next several weeks, Asplundh Tree Service will be on campus to remove several diseased trees. Several trees will also be removed that pose a threat to the safety of the college community. Others will be trimmed to remove dead limbs and to promote new growth.

A major strength and attribute of the WSC campus is the beauty of the campus. This letter is to assure the campus community that trees and shrubs are not being removed without reason.

Curt Robie
Assistant VP, Facilities & Operations



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State your opinion about arming our campus police.

Forum will be held Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 PM in the Third World Room

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The Cut

"Always stay in control and remain rational. At times it can help you to "appear" irrational, but let it be a façade, never the truth"- from "Rules for Student Radicals"

CHRIS WARD

It's that time again, people. At the time of this writing the first organized picketing on behalf of our faculty, our librarians and ourselves will begin in two days. The support that the quest for an equitable contract drew last year was phenomenal, and I'm confident that this event will mobilize our student body again. I've given the matter a lot of thought and made a few decisions. I want the teachers to get a fair contract. The SGA, which I hold a seat in, also wants a fair contract for our faculty and librarians. That isn't the point of contention; the point, of course, is what constitutes "fair." Not coming out 100% for the faculty is not the same as coming out against them, make no mistake.

I support my professors, but I cannot be a party to further intentional divisiveness and appeals to pure emotion when what's needed is rational thought and consensus building. With this picket the MSCA is dropping bombs in their own backyard rather than delivering them downrange to Boston and the Board of Higher Education, where effective picketing might mean something and would draw more media attention than they could shake a stick at. Westfield State College may be the battlefield chosen for this week but, as any military commander worth their salt can tell you, bringing the fight to the enemy is how to win a war, and a battle fought with no enemy force present is simply an exercise.

For those of you interested in educating yourselves on the contract negotiations question, the latest information is always available in the SGA room, in the basement of Ely. There's almost always someone there to assist you in sorting through it all.

I'm not sure why people get so worked up about people who own, like, fifty guns. Realistically they're only going to be able to use two at a time.

"Welcome to Scanlon Hall" was what the banner hanging outside that dorm read, and at some point somebody decided that it should belong to them. Few support harmless anarchy as strongly as I, but while the concept fits snugly into that category they screwed up…they got caught by not paying attention to detail and left evidence pointing to their section. I also support personal responsibility, and by all accounts, when confronted, they showed honor, cooperated, and things went smoother for them than they could have.

If that were the end of the story then you wouldn't be reading about it here. The manner in which they were caught is the subject at hand. A few weeks ago there was a fire alarm in Scanlon. During an alarm, as we all know, R.A.s are tasked with searching rooms for people and they're allowed to look under the bed, in the closet, and basically anywhere that a human body can fit. They enter, they look, they leave. If they find your Yankee Candle and a can of Keystone Light in the process then-oh, well. The stupid shall be punished.

In this case, though, the R.A.s apparently overstepped their authority and used the fire alarm as an excuse to zero in on the suspected section and search for the banner. They entered some rooms twice and they basically did administrative searches without all the pesky paperwork. The banner was found in a closet under a laundry basket which sat upon a pile of clothes too small for a person to be hiding in but the report said that it was in plain view.

An incredibly attractive girl brought this story of injustice to me, so of course it deserved my full attention. Chivalry every time, but that's just me...

I've been spotty with names and details for two reasons. One is confidentiality and the second is that the issue as I see it isn't so much that the illegal search happened as what will prevent it from happening again. To get some straight answers, my first stop was the office of Susan LaMontagne, Director of Judicial Affairs. Sue is also (partial list) Coordinator of Commuter Services, Veteran's Affairs, and Bus Services, a faculty advisor for SGA, and a true student advocate on this campus. Right off the bat, she said "I, more than almost anything else on this campus, hate the Fire Alarm Health and Safety Checks." She was quick to add that while safety is the primary concern, they're mostly done due to noncompliance. Let's face it; somebody passed out drunk isn't likely to be wrapped in a comforter in their closet. (This checks with my "off the record" inquiries, which revealed that in every fire alarm, R.A.s find an average of two to three people passed out in their rooms. Sometimes it's none, but it can also be up to like five).

Sue told me that preventative steps are definitely being taken to ensure that that type of thing won't happen again. Specifically, there have already been two staff meetings to examine the extent of R.A. authority. The R.A.s involved have also been addressed individually, as have the residents of the section in question. The Health and Safety check policy will also be made available in writing to the student body.

The next stop for real answers was the office of Mark "Sol" Solomon, the Housing Coordinator. Sol also expressed a degree of regret over the incident, to his credit, and reiterated the fact that preventing future episodes of this nature is important to his office. He talked a little about R.A. training, and told me that prospective R.A.s are taught that the purpose of the checks was bodies, and not necessarily beercans. "No, we're not looking for candles and microwaves," he said. As one female student put it, "The thought of R.A.s going through my laundry like they did in Scanlon is just creepy."

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"That isn't what searches are for," said Sol. "Opening doors to people's rooms is always uncomfortable." Then he told me about an incident while he was at Antioch College in Ohio. He said that a search revealed a student passed out in a building that was actually burning. "That, to me, makes it all worth it" he said, and I agree.

To prevent yourself from being among the stupid to be punished, here are a few safety tips for "dry" areas from the Buddha on my desk: 1. Before you leave your room, look around and ask yourself "What if there's an alarm while I'm out?" 2. Keep all empties in black trash bags or in the refrigerator, they need probable cause to go in there. 3. Your closet is fair game so anything stashed in there is still "plain view" 4. Remember that empties are illegal even for decorative purposes. 5. Be mellow and only hang with fairly mellow people. This is key because loud and drunk equals 5-5-50 every time. 6. If all else fails, the Campus Police frequency is 154.965…now you can hear them coming (unless they do a silent dispatch).

Buddha and I were cruising through Wal-Mart the other day when I suddenly found a deep and abiding respect for the chinless, banjo-playing "Burn THIS flag" cap wearing jailhouse-tattooed men and size 16 plus black stretch capri-panted women in the Pokemon t-shirts… suddenly the whole inbreeding thing made perfect sense; these people must save a FORTUNE not having to change the monograms on their sweaters and towels even after they're married!

I don't believe it. I just got IM'd by a direct marketer. How in the hell did they get my screen name? AOL must sell them just like the post office does.

The "Women in Sport" class is putting on a battle of the sexes. The goal of the program is to get women more involved in weight training and males more into aerobic exercise. Sign-up sheets are in the wellness center and the deadline for signups is Nov. 15th.

I gotta split, the photographer from Playgirl will be here any minute. Man, I hope this room warms up a little bit first. Before I go I just have one last question…Okay, joke's over, you're not SERIOUSLY voting for Gore are you? Peace and Balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

Come see the WSC Dance Club's first performance on Nov. 8 at 7pm during "Say What" Karaoke.

Lammers Hall Polled for President by Mr. D

In 1996 I polled (registered voters only) in Lammers Hall. That class graduated, maybe. To my amazement the resulets matched the states results exactly.

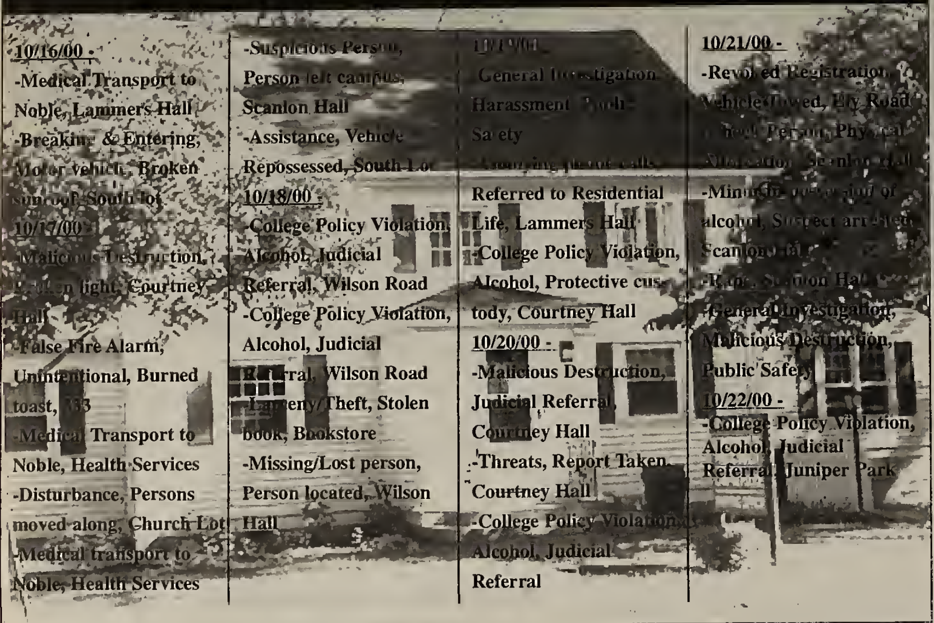
The residents were polled again this year and here are the results of 126 voters:

Gore-50% Bush-21% Nader-12%

In all, 178 residents were polled. Not included in the results are 44 people who admitted they were not registered and 8 who said they were not voting, those folks are not allowed to read this announcement.

-ISO Mr. D

Police Log from 10/16/00-10/22/00



10/16/00 -

-Medical Transport to Noble, Lammers Hall

-Breaking & Entering, Motor vehicle, Broken sunroof, South lot

10/17/00 -

-Malicious Destruction, Broken light, Courtney Hall

-False Fire Alarm, Unintentional, Burned toast, 333

-Medical Transport to Noble, Health Services

-Disturbance, Persons moved along, Church Lot

-Medical transport to Noble, Health Services

-Suspicious Person, Person left campus, Scanlon Hall

-Assistance, Vehicle Repossessed, South Lot

10/18/00 -

-College Policy Violation, Alcohol, Judicial Referral, Wilson Road

-College Policy Violation, Alcohol, Judicial Referral, Wilson Road

-Larceny/Theft, Stolen book, Bookstore

-Missing/Lost person, Person located, Wilson Hall

10/19/00 -

-General Investigation, Harassment, Public Safety

-Annoying phone calls, Referred to Residential Life, Lammers Hall

-College Policy Violation, Alcohol, Protective custody, Courtney Hall

10/20/00 -

-Malicious Destruction, Judicial Referral, Courtney Hall

-Threats, Report Taken, Courtney Hall

-College Policy Violation, Alcohol, Judicial Referral

10/21/00 -

-Revoked Registration, Vehicle towed, Ely Road

-Injured Person, Physical Altercation, Scanlon Hall

-Minor in possession of alcohol, Suspect arrested, Scanlon Hall

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-General Investigation, Malicious Destruction, Public Safety

10/22/00 -

-College Policy Violation, Alcohol, Judicial Referral, Juniper Park

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Kate's Rants

KATHERINE GOMES

At what point do you proclaim a friendship legally dead? Is there an expiration date on relationships? How much pain and suffering do you have to go through before it's over forever? Is it ever over forever? Is it really that easy to dismiss a former companion, no matter how badly they've treated you in the past?

Sometimes people suck. People have, on occasion, been known for being cruel and inconsiderate of others' feelings. One minute a "good friend" can be telling you they treasure your friendship more than anything else, and the next minute that very same friend could stab you in the back without a second thought. The tough part is that we don't often expect someone we consider to be a friend to knowingly hurt us.

Sometimes the relationship just matters a lot more to one party than it does to the other. Most of us have at one point or another had one-sided friendships. You were there when they needed you most, but where were they in your darkest hour? It's like they think you were put on earth to amuse them and be used by them. Many of us have been involved in these one-sided relationships for years. We know it's messed up but we just can't bring ourselves to throw our friend away because of their self-centeredness. Instead we just take more of their crap. We get in fights. We may even give a few ultimatums hoping that they will change their evil ways, but deep inside we know that they are never going to change. They will always be the self-involved jerks we've known forever. The cycle will continue and we will keep crawling back for more.

Does that make us masochists? Do those of us that keep people like this in our lives do it out of a bond with the person or love of the drama they provide? Do we secretly enjoy the fights, the competition, and the sheer pettiness of it all? Over the course of time, can we get accustomed to being used as a doormat by certain people? Do we know and expect to always have people in our lives that we care about far more than they care about us? If we know that it's going to hurt and that these people will cause us nothing but pain, why do we always come back for more? Who's more messed up, them or us?

K. Gomes is a Voice Columnist

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Meanwhile at M.A.R.A.S.A

NICK GENGARELLY

The Hoop Madness, put on by the men's basketball team last week was a huge success. The turnout was double the amount than any of us expected and it went off with no problems. Wes Jackson did an excellent job of supplying the music and the team put on a great performance.

For anyone who wasn't there, you really missed out, but I'm sure there will be more in years to come. The night started by team introductions and some warm-ups and then the show began. First was the three point contest, followed by the slam dunk contest, in between which was some crowd participation. In all, there were about 200 spectators, including faculty members and administrators.

Although Papa John's didn't really come through as much as we had expected (bringing only five pizzas for everyone there), it was well appreciated anyway. The entire night was filled with excitement, good entertainment, and good music. We even got to hear some of Justin Malone's first demo CD, "Scriptures of the Black Buddha," which will be on sale soon, so keep an eye out. We couldn't have asked for a better night, and we all thank everyone who came and supported us.

Saturday, November 4 will mark the date of the first of many M.A.R.A.S.A benefit concerts. Even though this date will have been passed once this column is released, I would like to wish Kev Murray good luck with the show he has planned. Kev is a member of M.A.R.A.S.A and a DJ on WSKB who is heading the production of this concert.

Right now the definite bands are Three Days Till Tuesday, Waterpistol, and Orange Island, with others pending. Kev and my radio show, "Everybody Loves Emo," which airs Monday nights 10pm-12pm, will also be on Saturday Night Live to broadcast the show live over the campus' radio station. We hope to have as good of a turnout for the concert as we did with Hoop Madness, so spread the word and bring your friends.

Recently, we as a group, have gotten many compliments on our achievements and our goals. We want to thank all of you who take the time to read my article, or show up to our meetings, and even those who see us and say "you're doing a good thing, keep it up."

It all means very much to us and we hope to do so much more for the community in the future. We are currently working something out with Circle K to further expand our publicity and get even more feed back. Again, as I do every week, I urge everyone to speak up and give us your ideas, your hopes for M.A.R.A.S.A, and any news you feel we should be privy to.

N. Gengarelly is a Voice Columnist

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

I'd like to start this week by thanking Sarah Corigliano for her letter in last week's paper on the unfair treatment of the GSA and the GLBT community on campus. This issue will not go away until it is addressed head on, instead of being shoved in the closet. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people have rights as much as anyone else.

As you all know, tomorrow is Election Day. The race for President, basically, is between two people. One of them, Gore, is up on today's issues. Bush is not. I'd like to thank Bobb Burgess, our Editor, for his comparison of the two candidates last week.

Another part of the ballot that many people might not have heard much about is the statewide questions. This election there are eight. One of which, Question 7, doesn't count. This proposal of tax deductions for charitable contributors was passed by the State Congress and signed into law after the deadline to remove it from the ballot. Therefore, voting on it now will have no impact.

I have decided to include some others I find most interesting. Question 2, if passed, would deny prisoners the right to vote. This would deny them of a fundamental right in a democracy. Let's remember that African-Americans are seven times more likely to be imprisoned than whites, because of racial profiling and biased judges and juries. The ACLU of Massachusetts opposes this question.

Question 3 would ban greyhound dog racing. This is highly debatable. Proponents point out that these dogs are kept in crates for up to 22 hours a day. Thousands across the country are killed each year when they can no longer make a profit for their owners. Thirty-four states have already banned this activity and former track employees and owners can find new jobs. The MSPCA, the Animal Rescue League, Greyhound Rescue of New England, and the US Humane Society support this measure.

Opponents of the proposal argue that Massachusetts serves as a model in the regulation of dog tracks. Closing Wonderland and Raynham-Taunton would cost over 1,500 people their jobs and the state over $10 million in revenue. The Massachusetts Animal Interest Coalition is among the opponents of this question.

Question 4 is an income tax cut, which would mostly benefit the wealthy and cost the state $1.2 billion a year. Question 6 is a toll rebate that would benefit just some taxpayers. Both questions would squander money that could be used for social programs, schools, and health care. The Children's League of Massachusetts, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, and others oppose both proposals.

Question 8 would change state drug seizure and sentencing laws. Low-level offenders would get help with treatment and money from drug crimes would be used to pay for it. Police would have less incentive to seize and keep personal property. Former Attorney Generals Scott Harshbarger, Frank Bellotti and Jim Shannon, the National Association of Social Workers, the League of Women Voters, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and others support this question.

The two remaining questions deal with legislative districts and expanding health care access. For information, please go to www.bostonvote.org. I hope everyone votes!

K. Heaton is a Voice Columnist

Death comes from Speedealer

MARK HITE

There really is nothing better than spinning some good old fashioned, loud and dirty rock and roll.

Rock and roll that makes you feel like hopping in your pick-up truck and going a buck ten down the highway. Rock and roll that virtually raises the middle finger towards mainstream rock. That kind of rock and roll can be found on Speedealer's CD "Here Comes Death." Speedealer was originally formed in 1994 in the lone star state. "Here Comes Death" is actually a re-release of the band's first CD, which originally came off the now bankrupt Royalty Records in the fall of 1999. The band shortly thereafter signed with Palm Records where they worked with producer Daniel Ray (White Zombie, The Ramones, Misfits).

Now Speedealer is back again, breaking the boundaries of several different genres with this disc. "Here Come Death" is filled with 100% pure thrust-driven songs that spit out venomous lyrics of bad attitude. The songs are a great mix that range from just about everything from stoner rock to punk-metal. Basically, this CD will give you the java you are looking for no matter what kind of loud rock you are into.

The disc starts off with the song "Hit and Run," which is a pure twin-guitar-driven field day. This only leads to other fire-breathing tracks such as "CCCP," which has an awesome Black Sabbath (esq) guitar melody.

The tracks "You Lose, I Win" and "Cream #1" provide 100-mile-per-hour punk-metal influenced fun. However, the most entertaining track on the disc is undoubtedly "Hate You Better," which was influenced by sock hop songs of days past. The only difference is the bass lines and drums are sped up making it the swing song from hell.

The lyrics on the CD are definately not for the weak of heart. However, fans of Motorhead and Ted Nugent should dig the booze, violence, and sex topics that are abundant throughout the testosterone filled regime of the CD.

Some of the best lyrics come from the song "Drink Me Dead," which cribs the classic Aerosmith lyric "Living out your fantasy/Sleeping late and smoking tea."

The song "Washed Up" contains a cuss-filled chorus which repeats "Nobody gives a f**k about you/Nobody gives a f**k about me" which will make even the most foul-mouthed people shrill.

These are just some of the crazy lyrics you can find on the CD. They are yelled out in gritty fashion by the band's front man Jeff Hirshbirg. Hirshbirg's voice resembles Blane Cartwright, who fronts another modern hick rock band named Nashville Pussy.

Most of the songs on the CD keep to a two-minute-or-less guarantee. However, Speedealer delivers the same punch in the privates that most bands take five minutes to accomplish. There are 17 tracks on the entire CD.

In the past, Speedealer has toured with the odd likes of Fu Manchu, Neurosis, GWAR, The Misfits, Zeke, and Reverend Horton Heat. However, the band more recently toured with similar rock acts such as Nashville Pussy, Motorhead, and The Supersuckers.

The band's mission is simple,:to expose the new generation of rock fans to the music that influenced them years ago.

So, if you like bad attitude lyrics mixed with the thrust of no n-stop road music, Speedealer should be on your list of CDs to get. They provide the best mix of pure rock and roll that is quickly making a comeback to rock venues everywhere. You never know, this could be one of the bands that will finally bring "good old fashioned rock" back in the modern rock scene...hell hath no furry.

Mark "The Pomo Freak" Every Thursday 6-8 PM on 89.5 WSKB.

M. Hite is a Voice Columnist

I Hold a Key to Unlock What I Feel

By: Magaly Santana

I hold a key
To unlock what I feel
And though you hide,
I tell you this is real
I don't use words,
My lips remain seal
I cry for you to know
My heart's loving deal.

But you only ignore me
You do not see

The pain in my heart
Holds the secret of love
And my sadness runs so free
Because you never knew
You never knew that deep inside
I cry to say I love you
You run away knowing or not
That I feel the way I do
I fear solitude, once more
I'm confused
Although someone loves me,
I feel something for you.

I see you afar,
I feel your sweet embrace
I hide my emotions,
Not leaving a single trace
I try controlling me,
But I look at your face
It hurts deep inside,
I can't find another place.

Because you don't seem to have
interest
You don't see fate's test.

The pain in my heart
Holds the secret of love
And my sadness runs so deep inside
I cry to say I love you
You run away knowing or not
That I feel the way I do
I fear solitude, once more
I'm confused
Although someone loves me
I feel something for you.

I hold a key to unlock what I feel
But I throw it away to keep the
secret sealed.. .

Breakdancers return to Coffeehouse

■ **Coffeehouse**

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Erika Mae performed as their duo May Zen. Hsiao played the piano and Mae sang four original tunes that were all written in one day.

"We're here to change the world one listener at a time," said Hsiao who's been performing at coffehouses for the last two years. This coffeehouse was Mae's first.

Next up were two members of the reggae/jam band Groove Selector. Guitarist Chris Regan and saxaphonist Jana Byrdd performed together without the rest of their band. Chris Regan attended Westfield State last year but came back this year to perform. Byrdd did not attend WSC but has played on campus before with Groove Selector.

Rob Ward returned after Regan and Byrdd to do a cover of the Pink Floyd song "Wish You Were Here." He was followed by Chris Ward, who read some poetry and a short story. His writing was backed up by Wayne Hsiao on piano. Ward's works were titled "Release" and "One Stray Sock."

"It's easier to make an ass of yourself," said Ward.

Before the breakdancers hit the floor, Maggie Smith made a quick announcement about MassPIRG's water clean up, which is going to be held on Sunday, November 5, and will be starting at 11:00 a.m. and will go until 2:00 p.m.

The eight breakdancers made their way out onto the floor doing flips, cartwheels and spins.

"I'm sorry, I could never be able to bend my body that way," said one audience member. At one point, one dancer spun another on top of his head.

"You have to see it to believe it," said Sandra Emmett, an awed audience member. The evening's DJ, the Duck, asked the crowd if they wanted more form the breakdancers. They loudly answered "Yes!"

Around 10:15 p.m., another acoustic duo made their way onto the stage and played some light acoustic songs. The crowd was still fairly large despite the late hour.

The next group up was Ghetto Gourmet a four piece band complete with turntables played by DJ Kayo, a keyboard player by the name Jud Macrae, a bass player named Ben Smith, and a drommer named Christian Reinhardsen. Macrae also did vocal duties on a few of the bands light groove tunes. The band formed three days prior to the coffeehouse, putting together songs so they could play. The band was made up of non-WSC students, except Reinhardsen, who some might remember as the guitarist for coffeehouse favorite My Disco Village.

The next to perform was a collaboration of performers who had already graced the coffee house stage at one time during the night. Jon Morgan was joined by Chris Regan and Jana Byrdd for one original song and two covers. One of the covers was a Skid Row song which caught the audiences attention immediately. Regan and Morgan played guitars and Byrdd backed it up with some saxaphone.

Next up was coffeehouse veterans Tim Moynihan and Melissa Jenkins. Moynihan, who played acoustic guitar, has been involved with the coffeehouse for four years and singer Jenkins has been involved for three. The duo performed two cover songs, one was the Counting Crows "Round Here" and the other was the Bob Dylan classic "Knocking on Heaven's Door."

The last performers of the night Corey Davis and Kristin Fehlau, returned to the coffeehouse after playing at the first one this semester. With Davis on guitar and Fehlau handling the vocals, the two did three original songs they wrote together.

"This was a last minute thing because we were supposed to play, but then Kristin had play practice. Then we decided to play after all , but we got stuck last," said Davis.

When the music ended, the lights came up another coffeehouse was complete.

"These are great. The music is great, the dancers are great. I just wish more bands would play. Not that I have anything against two person groups," said Rodger Kornman, a Junior.

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Shaun Davis of the Breakdancers at last week's Coffeehouse.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Jed Dion

BY JASON RENSLOW
SPECIAL TO THE VOICE

If you spin your radio dial to 89.5 WSKB on any Tuesday night between 6 and 8 PM, you'll get a nice dose of "Ska, Punk, and other Junk" from Jed Dion and his intern DJ Shaggy. Dion is a junior this year at WSC and is majoring in Education and Liberal Studies.

You may remember him from last year on WSKB when he did do a radio show each week, always choosing a different name like DJ Comfy Couch, DJ Waffle Iron or DJ Lunch Box. While Dion will never play any emo on his show, you can hear tunes by a wide variety of different ska and punk bands like The Hippos, MU330, Catch 22, Lagwagon, Descendents, Nofx, and Chixdiggit.

Dion found himself interested in WSKB during the second semester of his freshmen year. He had WSKB on one evening and was listening to a couple of lousey DJs when he realized "If these guys can do this [be radio DJs], then I can too." The next day he visited the station, picked up an application, and applied for a show.

Seeing live punk and ska shows is what originally turned Dion on to the two genres of music.

"I found myself bored with mainstream alternative rock," said Dion. "I went to a ska show in highschool and was impressed with the upbeat music. Plus, I have a short attention span and ska and punk songs are generally short,"he said.

Dion also mentioned that he felt the punk scene today is very strong andhopefully it will probably stay that way.

"People love punk but it seems to me that people feel ska is a disease nowadays. No one wants anything to do with it." Dion remains a loyal fan of the musical genre despite these feelings.

"I just love the music, I don't care what label its on or whether or not they have a real radio hit." said Dion.

Aside from being a DJ, Dion stays busy through working for the Campus Voice (Arts and Entertainment Editor), and WSKB (Program Director). He is also the guitarist/singer for No Intention, a local Punk band.

So listen to "Ska, Punk, and Other Junk," every Tuesday from 6 to 8 PM on WSKB 89.5 FM, because Dion says, "It's cool, it's good music, and everyone should listen to it."

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Joe Skahan punk/ska 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Nate Germain new 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Chris & Matt punk 8-10am		
Stephani Poole new 10-12pm	Andy Lamica new 10-12pm	The Duck & Venus 10-12pm	Brian Harmon ska/punk 10-12pm	Steve Camera punk 10-12pm	Joe & Katie new 10-12pm	Amanda & Holly new 10-12pm
Scott Toomey 12-2pm	Brian Mazzone 12-2pm	Michelle & Jeff 12-2pm	Nathan 12-2pm	Mike Berman 12-2pm	Bob, Corey & Brenda 12-2pm	Nick 12-2pm
Matt & Justin hip-hop/80's rock 2-4pm	Jon & Jon new & retro 2-4pm	Melissa & Kelly 2-4pm	Cyclone J new 2-4pm	Kevin & Bobb new 2-4pm	Amy & Andrea 2-4pm	Mike & Jeff jazz 2-4pm
Mike and Dave punk 4-6pm	Jim Cartier new 4-6pm	Kay Saltmarsh mix 4-6pm	Dj Radio talk/music 4-6pm	Eileen2 celtic 4-6pm	Bob & Matt new 4-6pm	Music For Your Mind 4-6pm
Melissa Saporetti 6-8pm	Ska/Punk & Other Junk 6-8pm	Warhead Show w/ Jeff Carter 6-8pm	Mark Hite metal 6-8pm	Andy Clark metal 6-8pm	Mike Dion new 6-8pm	DJ Rompa techno 6-8pm
Wes & Charles hip-hop 8-10pm	Mike, Chris, Laurel & Jeff 8-10pm	Smike & Kyle punk 8-10pm	Josh Thomson ska/punk 8-10pm	April Bak new/loud 8-10pm	Saturday Night Live in the Ely Campus Center. Check it out from 8-12am Prizes!	Time Warp to the 80's 8-10pm
Everyone Loves Emo 10-12am	Andy McArdle 10-12am	Shawn & Martin electronic 10-12am	Eric & Tim 10-12am	James & Mike 10-12am		Lamont Stockcy hip-hop 10-12am
Tim & Amy electronic 12-2am	Dave, Stephan & Greg 12-2am	Mike & Christian 12-2am	Kim & Katey new 12-2am	Steve Knachel 12-2am	Blake & Ryan 12-2am	Mark, Kevin & Shannon 12-2am

Westfield State Junior interviews 311

BY MATT KITOSKI
SPECIAL TO THE VOICE

For the past ten years the Omaha, Nebraska natives, 311, have been making some of the most unique sounding music out there. They are one of the pioneers of the rock/rap genre who remain somewhat outside of the limelight. 311 features; Nick Hexum - vocals, guitar, and programming. Chad Sexton - drums, percussion, and programming. Tim Mahoney - guitar, P-Nut - bass, and SA - vocals and scratches.

Their fan base has been built up over the years by their love of being on tour and playing amazing live sets night after night. If you are someone who has not heard too much of 311 or have listened to them before, I strongly recommend attending one of their shows. The energy at their shows is intense and the way they can get the crowd moving together as a whole is truly something worth experiencing.

Recently, I had the enchanting opportunity to interview the lead singer, Nick Hexum, and ask him some questions about being on tour, recent news about 311's lawsuit filed against their record label Capricorn, and about the CD they are currently working on.

311 is playing tonight in Hartford, Connecticut at the Webster Theatre. For more information about their current tour or anything else 311 related, check out their web site: www.311music.com. I hope to see you at the show!

Q. How do you like touring in New England?

A. We've had a lot of great experiences in New England. The winter months can be a bit rough...but we've always had great shows up there. We're looking forward to getting back.

Q. When is your next CD coming out?

A. We've been writing new songs for several months now. On the current tour we've even been playing 4 or 5 of the new tracks. We just want to get fully comfortable playing the songs live, and then when we get back to LA, we're going right into the recording studio. We want to bring the live energy from our concerts into the studio with us.

Q. Do you guys have any special plans for the show in Hartford since it is the 311th day of the year?

A. I didn't even realize that it was the 311th day of the year....but I'm glad to hear it. That's the great thing about our name - there's always something to celebrate (3:11 AM, 3:11 PM, March 11th, the 311th day of the year, etc.)

Q. What do you hope to get from breaking off your relationship with Capricorn Records?

A. We are looking to gain more control over our career. It looks like another label is going to buy Capricorn and potentially that could mean a fresh start for us on a new label. We really don't know how it will all end up, but we're optimistic about the future for this band.

Q. What do you guys do with all the time you spend on the bus on tour?

A. We watch DVD movies, we play video games (the current favorite is Sega Tennis), we work on new songs, we talk about the shows. We all get along well, so we have a good time.

311 entertaining the masses with their infectious grooves.

-File Photo

Q. What do you guys do to prepare for a show? Any superstitions or nightly rituals?

A. Tim does some yoga, P-Nut stretches out and sometimes drinks a Guiness, Chad drums on a practice pad to warm up his wrists, SA & I sometimes sing some scales to get our voices going. We don't really have any superstitions or rituals. I think we all get prepared in our own ways...but it's the crowd noise that really gets us going.

Q. How long do you guys spend in the studio in an average week? Do you have a specific schedule you follow or does it change daily?

A. We usually go into the studio at noon and we just work until we're burnt. We usually take Saturdays or Sundays off to get a little break.

Q. How would you say the new album you are working on now is going to be different from your previous records?

A. I think the tempos are a little faster. I think it's going to rock really hard, but it's still going to be very melodic. I think it will probably be most reminiscent of our first two albums (Music & Grassroots).

Q. How do you decide on the band you tour with?

A. We usually pick bands that are musically diverse and bands that we're friends with. It's kind of like picking a roommate for an apartment because you kind of live with the people. You want people that you get along with and that are fun to tour with. You also want to have bands that you like hearing every night and bands that the fans enjoy. We've had some amazing opening bands throughout the years....No Doubt, Korn, Deftones, Sugar Ray, Incubus, De La Soul, Fishbone, etc...

Q. What are some of the favorite songs that people outside America like to hear at your shows?

A. In Japan they love "Freeze Time" from Soundsystem. During the musical intro sections they scream out "Hey" in unison. They do it throughout the song. It's amazing.

Q. How do you guys come up for the set list every night?

A. I usually put one together and then show it to the guys. Then we make a few changes and print it.

Q. What are the chances you guys could play "Push it Away" in Hartford for old time sake?

A. Haha....old-school fans you are. We'll see.

Straight from the Source

WES JACKSON

What's up WSC? It's been forever since I have written a "Straight From the Source" article. I need to get back on the ball and start bringing you all the news in hip-hop. Just think of that little break I took as a way for me to take time to get all the latest stories on every little thing going on in the hip-hop world. Before I start this article, I want to thank all the people that came out to Parenzo Gym for Hoop Madness. I hope everyone thought it was as "hot" as the men of MARASA thought it was. Special thanks goes out to the players and coaches of the Men's basketball team for helping us with the program. Now that all that is out of the way, I need to give you all the latest news in hip-hop "Straight From the Source:"

Last semester I wrote a lot about Ol' Dirty Bastard and that's because, hell, he was always in the news, it's not my fault. Well guess what? He's hack!! Ol' Dirty Bastard was hit with a bench warrant after he ran away from a drug-treatment facility a few weeks back. A Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney says that O.D.B. is "looking at some prison time because we don't think he is suitable for probation, and based upon his actions thus far, in my opinion, he's not." As you may remember O.D.B. was in this drug-treatment facility in the first place because he violated his probation by drinking alcohol. His sentence stems from his convictions for wearing body armor and making terrorists threats. So if by any chance in the world you see O.D.B., tell him to get back to that facility or to give you the new Wu-Tang album, which is due out November 21.

Now I have to tell you about the other Man of Controversy, Eminem. Recently during the Anger Management Tour, Canadian officials were told by the attorney general's office not to allow Eminem into the country because a woman by the name of Valerie Smith has said that "Eminem's lyrics violate Sec. 319 of the Canadian Criminal Code, which prohibits "communicating statements other than in private conversation, [that] willfully [promote] hatred against an identifiable group." I had to find a little more information about this and this is what I found out. On Thursday, if Eminem were somehow able to get across to Canada, which would not be that hard, he would be prohibited from performing "KIM" and "Kill You" (listen to the lyrics and you may probably know why those songs were picked out of the rest). Well, to flash forward to present day, it was confirmed that Eminem did get to cross the border into Canada. and perform onstage with the rest of the Anger Management Tour. Now you have to ask yourself, did Eminem perform one, or both of those songs onstage in front of the thousands of fans that he has? THINK ABOUT WHO I AM TALKING ABOUT! REMEMBER HE IS SLIM SHADY! Well, this is how the story goes. Eminem did perform a couple songs and then he said, "this next song goes out to that [beep] Valerie Smith," and the real Slim Shady went on to perform "Kill You" while making several references to Valerie Smith during the entire song. The Attorney General's office is trying to determine if Eminem should get some prison time because of his performance, so I will make sure to keep you up to speed on the latest chapter of Eminem's life.

The final story I have to tell you about is one that is very good for the hip-hop world. A deal has just been inked that will bring one of the illest lyricists in rap with one of the greatest hip-hop hit-makers around. Now let me throw some names into this puzzle. Rakim has just signed a new label contract with Dr. Dre's Aftermath Records. The move had been widely rumored in rap circles over the past few weeks, and Aftermath Records' founder, Dr. Dre, confirmed Rakim's signing as he visited the set of Eminem's new video "Stan." Rakim's new album will be called "Oh My God," and will hit stores in the spring. But that is not the only thing that is big about this signing. Dr. Dre is not going to be the only producer on Rakim's new album. The other producer on a number of tracks will be the legendary DJ Premier. So look out for that album in stores.

Well that is all for me this week. I promise to come back to you next week with more hip-hop news "Straight From the Source"......ONE LOVE!

-W. Jackson is a Voice Columnist

Who do you think will win the Presidential Election and why?

"I THINK BUSH BECAUSE OF THE WAY THAT HE IS PORTRAYED IN THE MEDIA."

RACHEL MILLER
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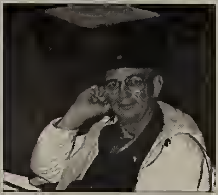
"I THINK THAT GORE WILL WIN BECAUSE HE IS THE VICE-PRESIDENT."

KURT HUGGINS
COMMUNICATIONS
2001



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2002

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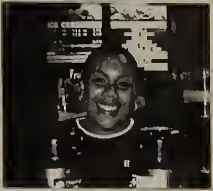

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JOSUE ZAMORA
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-Compiled by Megan Meehan

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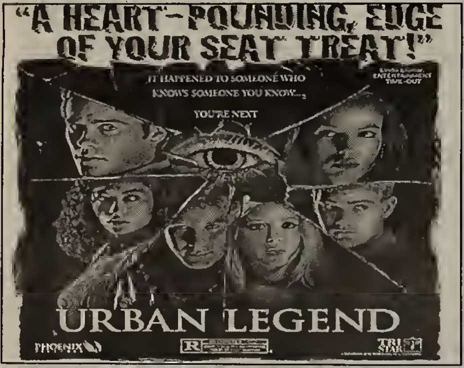
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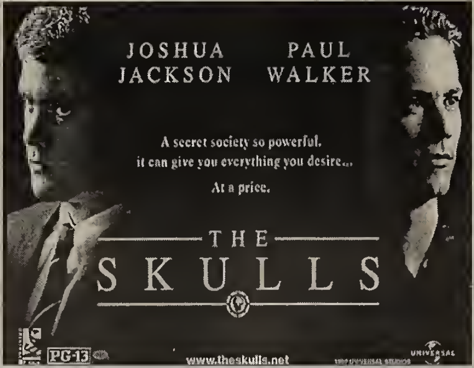
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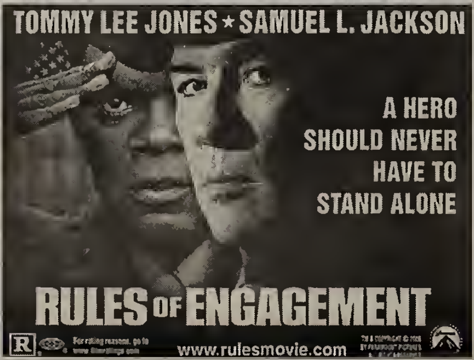
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Trust Fund Workers

All trust fund workers must sign time sheet this Thursday November 9

5-5 Basketball will be held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights from now on.

Congratulations to the Champions!

House of Pain - Flag Football
United Forces - Men's Volleyball
Wassabi - Women's Volleyball
Mandelay - One-Pitch Softball
Matt Knodler - Tennis Champ

Men's Soccer Squad Peaking At Right Time

By Mickey Curtis, SID

The Westfield State College men's soccer team's second season has already begun with a resounding 5-0 victory over Massachusetts College last Wednesday in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference tournament.

The Owls played at Worcester State this past Saturday for the championship and the right to earn an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, which begins this Wednesday. If the Owls do not qualify for the NCAA Tournament, they will likely receive a high seed for the ECAC New England Tournament, which also begins this Wednesday.

Westfield State is peaking as it enters tournament play. The Owls, ranked ninth in last week's New England Division III poll, have won eight straight games, including seven via shutouts, for a 13-4 overall record.

The Owls have a balanced scoring attack, but defense has keyed their success as they have allowed only 14 goals in 17 games. They have allowed more than two goals in just one game, a 5-2 loss to Williams College, the top-ranked team in the country. Heading into the Worcester game they had blanked six straight opponents and tied a school record with 10 shutouts in a season.

"In soccer, you don't have that kind of success just because of the defense, it takes all 11 players on the field," said head coach Paul Whalley. "Both goal keepers (Nick Ammendolia and D.J. Conway) have been fabulous all season. And they don't get the credit they deserve because they don't face as many shots."

Westfield possesses a niec hlend of talented seniors and underclassmen.

Senior forward Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham leads the team in scoring with 34 points (13 goals, 8 assists). Lahadorf ranks 10th on Westfield's all-time scoring list with 106 career points (40 goals, 26 assists).

Sophomore midfielder Chris Whalley of Southwick has scored 24 points, including a team-high 12 assists. Freshman Jay Chelo of Ludlow is the third leading scorer with 21 points (9 goals, 3 assists). Senior Andrew Lewis of Danvers has 18 points (5 goals, 8 assists) and is currently 12th on the all-time scoring charts with 87 points.

Other senior leadership has been provided by midfielder Chris Machado of Weymouth, who has scored 11 points (1 goal, 9 assists), and Ammendolia, who has a .940 goals against average and an 11-2 record.

Other key contributors to the Owls' outstanding defense are: freshman Joel Dam of Marshfield, sophomore Garrett O'Connell of Rochester, junior Tim Cranson of Montgomery (Gateway Regional), sophomore David Gadouas of Chicopee, freshman Joe Calabrese of West Springfield, freshman Mike Cotrone of Suffield, Conn., freshman Jon Witowski of Ludlow, freshman Greg Viggiano of Suffield, Conn., and freshman Desmond Richardson of Auhurn.

Nichols Defeats Outmanned Owls

WESTFIELD - Senior running back Matt Fox scored three touchdowns and rushed for 183 yards on 30 carries to lead Nichols College to a 30-3 New England Football Conference victory over Westfield State.

Nichols improved its record to 6-2 overall following the nondivisional matchup. Westfield dropped to 3-5.

The undermanned Westfield State team led 3-0 after the first quarter, but Fox gave Nichols the lead on a 1-yard touchdown to cap a 16-play, 68-yard drive with 9:05 left in the first half.

Nichols led at the half, 10-3, on Dan Herrero's 34-yard field goal with 1:44 remaining.

Fox's second score - a 12-yard run early in the third quarter, was set up when teammate David Sher blocked a punt and the Bison took over at the Westfied 18. Fox's third touchdown - a 1-yard run early in the fourth quarter - capped an 11-play, 61-yard drive.

Quarterback Jarrod Rouazoin threw for 112 yards, completing 7 of 15 passes, in Nichols' balanced attack.

Westfield's leading rusher was quarterback John Frasco with 15 carries for 79 yards. However, the Chicopee native suffered a mild concussion with just under seven minutes left in the second half and did not play the remainder of the game.

The defensive standout for Nichols was sophomore linebacker Brian St. Peter of Marshfield, who racked up 20 tackles, including nine solos. Westfield sophomore Jaret Foley of Tyngsboro had a team-high 13 tackles and a fumble recovery.

There will be meeting for Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Juniper Park Gym at 7:00 p.m. All male and female students are welcome. Contact Lisa at 532-1701

Members ol the Mass. State Conlerence regular season co-champions Westfield State men's soccer leam in the lirst row, left to nghl, ere: Andrew Lewis, David Gadoues, Joel Dam, Chris Machado, Karl Labadorf, Carlos Monteiro, Edgar Ortiz, Joe Calabrese. Second row: assislant coach Nuno Pereira, Tyler Roy, Andrew Thompson, Matt Goncalves, Jay Chelo, Chris Whalley, Andy McDevitt, assistanl coach Brian Harlow, head coach Paul Whalley. Third row: Nick Ammendolia, Greg Viggiano, Garrett O'Connell, Mike Cotrone, Tim Cranson, Jon Witowski, Desmond Richardson, D.J. Conway. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Men's Soccer Wins Eighth Straight; Blanks MCLA, 5-0, In Tournament

The Westfield State College men's soccer team rolled to resounding 5-0 victory over Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in the semifinals of the inaugural Mass. State Conference tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

The Owls played Worcester State in the championship game last Saturday, with the winner receiving an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Lancers advanced to the title tilt with a 2-1 victory over Salem State in the other semifinal matchup.

Both Worcester State and Westfield State shared the regular season conference title with 6-1 records, but Worcester State earned the No. 1 seed by defeating Westfield State, 2-1, on Sept. 29.

The Owls, 13-4 overall and ranked ninth in New England, had eight straight victories heading into Saturday's game. They hade allowed only one goal during the win streak and have recorded six straight shutouts. In addition, they tied a school record for shutouts in a season with 10.

Senior standout Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham led the Owls vs. their Western Mass. rivals from North Adams with two goals and two assists. Both of Labadorf's goals were left footed blasts from 25 yards.

The Owls scored twice in a six-minute span early in the first half, then put away the game with three goals in a four-minute span early in the second half.

Sophomore Chris Whalley of Southwick headed in the game's second goal and also contributed an assist. Also scoring were freshman Joe Calabrese of West Springfield and senior Andrew Lewis of Danvers.

Westfield goalies Nick Ammendolia and D.J. Conway again shared the goal keeping duties, with Ammendolia playing the first 45 minutes and registering five saves. Conway had nine saves, including two spectacular stops.

Mass. College finished its regular season with an 8-10 record, the first losing season for 23-year coach Ron Shrewcraft.

Men's Soccer

Westfield 3 - Fitchburg State 0

The Westfield State men's soccer team clinched a share of th Mass. State Conference regular season championship with a 3-0 victory over Fitchhurg State on Fri day. Oct. 27.

Westfield and Worcester Stat finished tied for first place in th eight-team conference with 6-1 records. It was the Owls' secon conference title in the past fou years under fourth-year coach Pau Whalley.

Senior standout Karl Labador of Wilbraham scored two spectacular goals in less than a five-minut span early in the second hal Labadorf's first goal was a hori zontal header in front of the net, an his second tally was a blast from 2 yards.

Sophomore Garrett O'Connell scored in the first half following a nice pass from sophomore Chris Whalley of Southwick.

Cross Country 6th In Alliance

WARWICK, R.I. - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams both finished sixth in the New England Alliance championships.

The Westfield State men totaled 161 points in the 11-team meet. Keene State dominated the competition, placing seven runners in the top nine, including the first four.

Keene's Wilson Perez won the five-mile race in 26:13.16. Westfield's top finisher was Jason Pappas, who placed 15th in 27:38.57). Sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee finished 18th in 27:56.14.

In the women's race, Keene State also dominated by placing five runners in the top six. Mary Proulx of Keene won the 3.1 mile race in 19:10.2.

Westfield's Starr Hockenberry of Southwick finished 12th in 20:45.9. Freshman Kristi Lin Popoff was 22nd (22:04.27) and sophomore Catie Geldert was 24th (22:05.3).

Women's Volleyball Results

BRIDGEWATER - The women's volleyball team lost four games in the highly competitive Bridgewater State Invitational.

The Owls fell to conference rival Bridgewater 15-6, 16-14, 15-4. U-Mass Dartmouth, which owns a 24-9 record, defeated the Owls twiec, 14-16, 15-10, 15-7, 15-6, and 15-6, 15-6, 15-9. Tournament champion Gordon College swept Westfield 15-1, 15-4, 15-9.

Junior setter Sarah Cormier was named to the all-tournament team.

Westfield dropped to 10-14 on the season with a 3-0 setback (5-15, 5-15, 5-15) at Brandies University last Wednesday. The Owls competed in the Mass. State Conference tournament this past weekend.

Swim Team Wins Season Opener

BOSTON - The Westfiel State women's swimming and diving team opened its season with a 154-127 victory over Simmons.

Freshman Dana LedDuke was a triple winner. LedDuke won th 100 butterfly (1:06.94), 100 individual medley (1:08.8), and the 5 butterfly (29.12).

Sophomor Kelley Reardon and freshman Jenny Gilbert were double winners. and Reardon finished first in the one-meter voluntary and optional diving events while Gilbert took first in the 5 backstroke (32.14) and the 10 backstroke (1:19.40).

Also placing first were Heather Perreault (1,000 freestyle 15:53.65) and Nicole Acheson (10 freestyle, 1:03).

Senior goalie Nick Ammendolia snatches a shot attempt during Westfield's 1-0 victory over Massachusetts College In North Adams Oct. 17

Varsity Sports Snapshots

Photos By Mickey Curtis

Senior Jason Pappas, right, and sophomore Tom Bousquet teamed up to finish second and third, respectively, in the Mass. State Conference cross country championships.

The Westfield State women's cross country team charges to the front of the pack at the start of e meet held at Stanley Park.

Sophomore women's volleyball player Katelyn Foley makes a sliding dig to keep the ball in play. Looking on is freshman Rachel Allgaier.

Senior women's soccer player Melissa Reed, right, battles for possession of the ball.

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Personals

I see you baby, shaking that butt!

He's my roommate

Dave in Lammers D2 is my pimp.

True- Homosexuals can live together on campus- but I would trade that right for the right to get married any day.

Frasco is WSC's version of the Rock.

Scottie, we know who you're hooking up with

I suggest not funneling grain alcohol ever!!

Colin K.- U.R. so hot! Please notice me!!

I used to get straight A's...now I'm failing out..thank you Shane...Sincerely, A-Dog.

The girl at the Campus Center desk when I put this in the box is hot.

Melaine is the best diver this school ever had.

Rick likes little boys.

When I'm drunk there are always more hot girls around.

Seana is a loser.

John and Lucus enjoyed Halloween way too much

Homosexual couples can live together on campus because the powers that be refuse to believe that there are homosexuals that live on this campus.

Come on over...we're throwing up and it is so much fun...you can even have your own pot.

Random moments with Chrissy and Jen.

Build me up Buttercup!

Let's go pumpkin bowling!

VOTE...or speak with the voice of the voiceless.

Hey A, A, and T- keep licking those pops, maybe you'll get noticed again.

I wish I lived on Summer St. because all the girls are hot.

Honestly, who sleeps in the Cityview basement?

No Chrissy, you're not drunk..you just lit the wrong end of the cigarette, that's all.

We have one more musketeer! 4 of us strike every time.

Let's all pray that Gore wins.

Hooter girls from Riverside party- we need your number.

If you want to room with your heterosexual partners, get married- we can't do that so we have to take advantage of our opportunities, even if they do stem from ignorance.

Why do all the hot girls look so good?

My roommate needs a hook-up.

Fran is Jay's secret lover.

Please excuse the late-night Courtney girl's craziness.

Movin on up!!

Move me- I'm the Horse.

Big Mac- was that you I saw leaving Cort 406? Hmmm

Watch out for the chalupa.

Lou Diamond Philips was one crafty s.o.b.

..And I still got love 4 the streets, it's P.R.E.

Witherspoon - did you get your arm out?

My roommate is a druggie.

Kerri- you're not supposed to use a hair spray bottle...

Happy 21st Bday Kevin! Love, Chrissy and Jen

Hey Ash..."It's your Bday!...Party like a ROCK STAR!"

Happy Bday, Salvation Army and Parton. Love, the E4 Suite girls.

J&K - I did not write that personal.

I saw about 50 mullets last weekend. I like Halloween.

Courtney 3C. Hot ladies wanted.

Salanger slings wheels like grease lightnin.

Hey Erin- where's cooter?

Calheno is Hot!!

It's pretty sad when you have to dress like a slut for Halloween to get guys to notice you.

VOTE GORE.

My bum hurts.

Still waiting for my list...

200 days till graduation!

I like big butts and I cannot lie...

Why don't we get mail on Saturdays? Are the mail people too lazy to do it or what?

I miss Ben.

Happy Anniversary, Honey.

Kates Rant's vs. Kevin's Corner at the Nook.

Let's support our teachers...go pickett with them!

I love the Halloween Masquerade.

He's coming....get ready.

Watch your step is back.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

ACROSS
1 "I don't care" gesture
6 Implant
11 "Alice" waitress
14 Make fun of
15 Royal
16 Line
17 Command
18 Saskatchewan city
20 Greek letter
21 Boxing match
23 Wash off
24 Put — (save up)
26 Fragrant
28 Resolve conclusively
30 Two pints
31 Gluts
32 Knitting stitch
33 Dog-paddled
37 Melody
38 Spirit in "The Tempest"
39 Single
40 Try out
42 Smirk's kin
43 Kinds
45 Capsize
47 Greetings
48 Thanks a —!
51 Stirred
52 Licorice-like flavoring
53 Singer Eartha —
54 Spider's handiwork
57 Chewing gum flavor
60 Blazing
62 Jerk
63 "Insert here" symbol
64 Poke
65 Sault — Marie
66 Swords
67 Lock of hair

DOWN
1 Halt
2 The woman's
3 Car engine coolers
4 Take advantage of
5 Small peta
6 Follow
7 Ditch
8 Air-rifle ammo
9 Wapiti
10 More expensive
11 Forward part
12 Not tight
13 Possessed
19 Colors
22 Keats offering
25 Hog's home
26 More certain
27 Summon
28 Leave, kitty!
29 Writer Wiesel
30 Serene
32 Primp
34 Global
35 "Do — others"
36 Clutter
38 As well
41 Oklahoma city
43 Navigator's aid
44 Spanish cheer
46 Drill through
47 Big success
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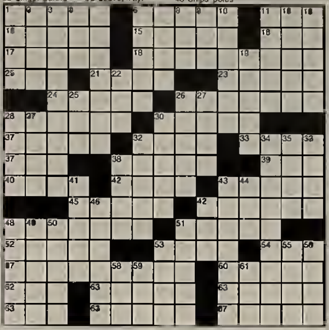

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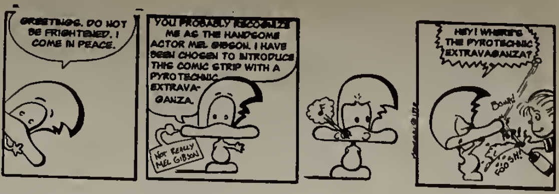
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YOU PROBABLY RECOGNIZE ME AS THE HANDSOME ACTOR MEL GIBSON. I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO INTRODUCE THIS COMIC STRIP WITH A PYROTECHNIC EXTRAVAGANZA.
NOT REALLY MEL GIBSON
HEY! WHERE'S THE PYROTECHNIC EXTRAVAGANZA?
Boink!
FOOSH!

SKUNK WORKS

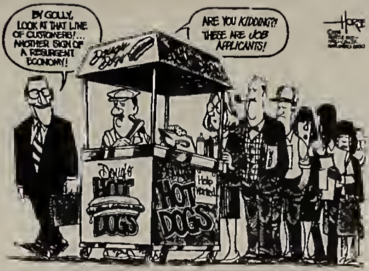
by Sean Harrington

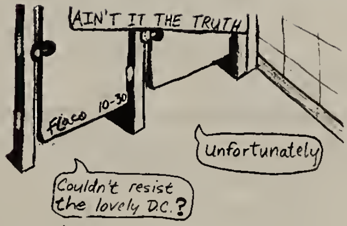
"Lately it seems like rampaging through cities and wreaking havoc just isn't cutting it for me."

gross Next time remind me not to wear cuffed pants
TREE

The Exorcist: the lost episode.

IT'S NOT THE SAME, MOM! I WANT TO GO TO THE MALL!
HO. HO. HO..
e.Commerce
NICK ANDERSON


BY GOLLY, LOOK AT THAT LINE OF CUSTOMERS!... ANOTHER SIGN OF A RESURGENT ECONOMY!
ARE YOU KIDDING?! THESE ARE JOB APPLICANTS!
HORSEY
Doug's HOT DOGS
HOT DOGS
Help Wanted



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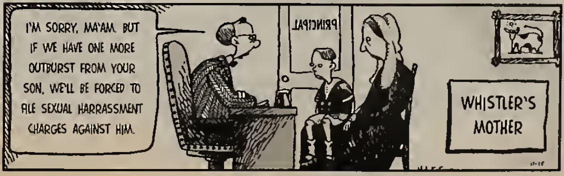
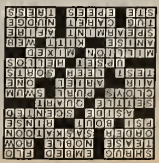
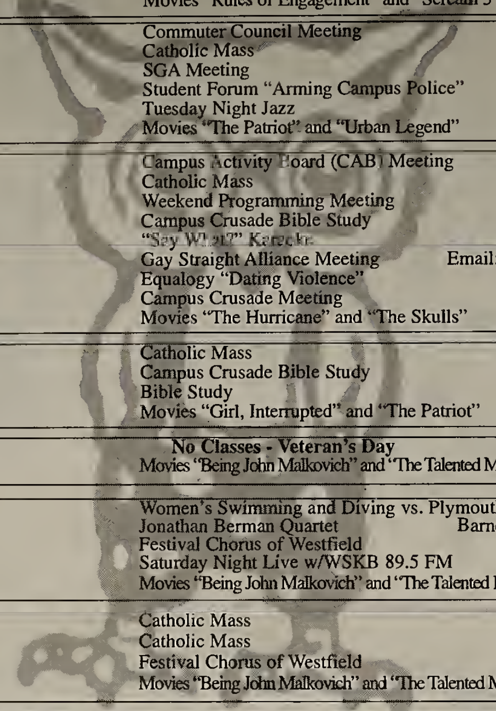
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO EAT YOUR VEGETABLES, THEN YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO GROW UP TO BE PRESIDENT, THAT'S ALL!


I'M SORRY, MA'AM, BUT IF WE HAVE ONE MORE OUTBURST FROM YOUR SON, WE'LL BE FORCED TO FILE SEXUAL HARRASSMENT CHARGES AGAINST HIM.
PRINCIPAL
WHISTLER'S MOTHER



WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events



Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 11/6	7:00 p.m.	"Say What?" Karaoke Auditions	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Rules of Engagement" and "Scream 3"	Channels 56&57
Tue 11/7	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Student Forum "Arming Campus Police"	TBA
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Patriot" and "Urban Legend"	Channels 56&57
Wed 11/8	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	"Say What?" Karaoke	Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Email: wsc_gsa_1@hotmail.com
	7:30 p.m.	Equalogy "Dating Violence"	Ely Main Lounge
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Hurricane" and "The Skulls"	Channels 56&57
Thur 11/9	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Girl, Interrupted" and "The Patriot"	Channels 56&57
Fri 11/10		No Classes - Veteran's Day	
	8:00 p.m.	Movies 'Being John Malkovich" and 'The Talented Mr. Ripley'	Channels 56&57
Sat 11/11	1:00 p.m.	Women's Swimming and Diving vs. Plymouth State	Ely Pool
	7:00 p.m.	Jonathan Berman Quartet	Barnes & Noble, Holyoke, MA
	7:30 p.m.	Festival Chorus of Westfield	Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Being John Malkovich" and 'The Talented Mr. Ripley'	Channels 56&57
Sun 11/12	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	7:30 p.m.	Festival Chorus of Westfield	TBA
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Majority of students at Gun Forum favor arming campus police

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

The majority of students who attended the Gun Forum, held in the Third World Room last week, favored allowing campus police at Westfield State College to carry guns, stating concern for their own and the campus police's safety as their main reason for arming the police.

The issue of whether campus police should be armed or not has been brought up due to the occurrence of incidents on other college campuses that have resulted in arming the campus police there, said Chief Scannell, the Director of Public Safety. He said that he would like to look at the issue here at WSC before an incident occurs that would warrant a need for guns. He said that due to the incidents occurring at schools nationwide, he is looking at "what we can do to make this a safer place."

President Woodward agreed with Scannell on the need to address the issue now. He said that this is the best time to make the decision. "I think we have the opportunity to make a decision without the stress from when something has occurred," he said.

Scannell said that there is also a need to consider arming the campus police because if there was a situation on campus requiring an armed officer, it

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-Photo by RJ Burgess III

VP Jackson reads survey results at the Gun Forum.

Teach-in informs students about contract negotiations

Number of faculty and students present lower than expected

By Jackie Stutervant
Voice Reporter

Students and faculty members met to discuss ways to educate the student body about the teacher negotiation struggles and to find strategies to help the faculty's cause at a teach-in held last Wednesday.

The teach-in was open to all students and faculty members, but the numbers in attendance were low on both sides. Gerald Tetrault, President of Westfield's chapter of the Massachusetts State College Association, led the forum held in Wilson Auditorium A. Others in attendance were Walter Korzec, Professor of Art; Bill Art, Chair of the Bargaining Committee; Bill Murphy, from Bridgewater State College and Former President of the MSCA, as well as students.

Tetrault said that he held this teach-in because he believed that "students will want to learn about the situation…I think there is a willingness to be informed." He wanted to "acquaint them [the student body] with the situation."

Lisa Edwards, Class of 2001, asked "why are we going to support a cause we don't understand?" Suggestions of ways to inform the students discussed were to hold a forum in a more intimate setting than an auditorium, send out mass mailings, and tell how it affects the students. By the end of the teach-in, a forum was already planned for the near future.

Reasons explaining why teachers are upset were the main topic of discussion. According to Tetrault, the

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WSC Food and health drives to benefit the less fortunate

By Meghan Farrell
Voice Reporter

The "Drive for Health" and the "Feed the Families" drive are two programs that are currently underway at Westfield State College to encourage students to make contributions to help needy people in this area.

The "Drive for Health" is sponsored by Lambda Pi Eta. They are collecting personal items such as soap, shampoo and towels. These donations are going to benefit the Samaritan Inn, a homeless shelter in Westfield. The deadline for these donations is December 15 and contributors may drop these donations off at the Main Mass Communications office located in Ely room 307A.

April Bak, a student responsible for the "Health Drive," said, "The Samaritan Inn is very excited that we are doing this drive." In the past, students have donated food; however, this year they have enough. This is why the Samaritan Inn has asked the students to donate personal items, which they are lacking right now. Students are encouraged to look for signs around campus so that they can

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WSC takes out loan to help fund renovations at '333'

$1,017,000 spent by college to help bring 30 year-old building to code

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

Approximately $1,017,000 was spent during the renovation of the '333' building since it was acquired by Westfield State College (WSC) last year. According to Curt Robie, Assistant Vice-President of Facilities and Operations, the college had to take out a loan to pay for the various renovations.

"We had to take out a loan to buy and renovate the Stanhome building. Just like you would walk to the bank and take out a loan and pay back a certain amount every month," said Robie.

Robie said that the objective of the college was to get the land and the building for the college. "We simply wanted to acquire the land and building to improve our campus. It is a 30-year-old building that had some code problems and needed some renovations, so we had to spend the money to fix the problems it had," Robie said.

The money was spent on things like moving costs, bringing things up to code and classroom equipment. "We spent around $40,000 in moving costs, $80,000 in creating the classrooms and the computer lab that will open next semester and the rest in kitchen equipment for the mini-cafeteria that will be opening very soon. Some of the money," he continued, "was spent on furniture, but most of the furniture for the CJ Department was re-used from the

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-Photo By Kay Saltmarsh

The inside of the newly renovated '333.'

Lecture held to discuss U.S. Navy use of Vieques for military maneuvers

By Magaly Santana
Voice Staff

How the U.S. Navy conducts military maneuvers on the small island of Vieques (six miles southeast of Puerto Rico) was a topic for Westfield State College students and faculty during a lecture on October 18.

"It came to light that the U.S. Navy has been polluting the environment on land and ocean and air," said Professor Napoleón Sánchez, a Spanish professor in the Foreign Language Department.

Vieques is contaminated with pollution, illnesses and injuries caused by the U.S. Navy with their continuing use of nerve bombs and other ammunitions for their military exercises, according to the lecture, which is why people from Vieques and their surroundings wish to stop these military maneuvers.

Since 1941, the U.S. Navy has controlled approximately 3/4 of Vieques; the western end is in use for ammunition storage, while the eastern end is in use for bombing and target-practice range. Almost 9,400 people of Vieques live in the middle of the island. The military maneuvers, with live bombs and ammunition, remained a secret to Sweeny, the main speaker at the lecture. She is a Continuing Education student at Westfield State.

The news came to the public eye when David Sanes Rodríguez, a civilian Navy guard employee, was accidentally killed by a bomb that missed its target while in the United States and Puerto Rico until 1999, according to Agma Parrilla- he was on Observation Post-1 on April 19, 1999, according to Sánchez.

After his death, people of Vieques

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takes 20 minutes to get one from off campus to the situation. He said that this means the campus police can't immediately contain a situation, but with guns they would be able to do this. "I think our officers are the best to do this task," said Scannell, stating that containing a situation is an important function for any police officer.

The reason for the forum, said Shalimar Colon, the Student Trustee for WSC, was "to hear student opinions about arming our campus police hands on." The students who attended voiced their concerns about the issue.

Bobb Burgess, a senior at WSC, said that he was interested in how the final decision to arm campus police will be made. Woodward said that the decision will be made by the Board of Trustees. He said that they will look at the crime statistics released from Public Safety, the results from last year's forums, and they will also talk to people about how they feel concerning the issue. "The Board will take their time to make the decision," he said, stating that there is no timeline for this decision to be made.

The WSC students' opinions will be given to the Board by Colon, the Student Trustee. Mandy Miranda, President of the Student Government Association, said that she feels the Board will make the right choice. "I hope everyone in this room has enough trust in Shalimar and the Board of Trustees to make the decision," she said.

Many students said that they supported campus police carrying guns because it would make the students and the campus police feel safer on campus. Kendra Sands, a senior at WSC, said that she supports arming the campus police. "I would feel much safer knowing that they were armed," she said. "It's a step into the future; it's an unfonunate step, but it's one we're going to have to take," she said.

Some freshmen who attended the forum gave their opinion on the issue as well, which is a new one to them. John Grazioso said that he feels the police should be allowed to be armed. "In the world today you never know what can happen," he said. "If they had weapons it would help a little to ease people's minds about what could happen."

Chris Walker, also a freshman, said that he thinks the police should be armed for safety reasons. "I would feel a lot safer if I knew an officer had his gun on him when it [an incident] occurred," he said.

Concern for the campus police officers' safety was voiced by the students. Miranda said that at a forum held last year, a campus police officer stated that all he wanted to be able to do was go home to his family at night. Officer Moore, a campus police officer, said that there have been times when he did not always feel safe performing his job as well. "There were times when I felt threatened and I was basically scared," he said. He said that this often occurred while working the third shift, and that there were times he suspected that someone had a weapon and so he had to back away because he would not have been able to protect himself.

Another aspect of the issue students were concerned with was the training of the officers who would be armed. Scannell said that the campus police officers go through the Massachusetts State Police Academy and that they are "equipped and trained exactly as police are in this country." He also said he has never seen one instance where a police officer on a college campus has misused their weapons, stressing that training is a number one priority.

VP Jackson, Vice President of Student Affairs, said that police officers know that any type of misuse of their firearm would lead to a dismissal. "Most police understand the importance of that," he said. Jackson also said that there are levels of psychological and certification tests the officers must pass before they can be armed, but he has "the supreme confidence in this force."

Chris Cekovsky, an employee of Armored Motored Services of America who attended the forum, said that he is confident that those who must carry guns for their jobs won't mishandle them because they are specially trained. Cekovsky, who carries a gun when performing his job, said that sending an officer to a situation unarmed is like sending a firefighter to a fire without a hose.

Shalimar Colon said that she felt the forum was a success, but there may be need for another one since this forum largely represented one side. "It was very one-sided but it served its purpose to get the students' views," she said.

VP Jackson reported that many of the student views on this issue are against arming the campus police, according to two random sample surveys that had been conducted on student and faculty opinion. He said that the results of the student survey were that 28% of the students supported arming the campus police, while 52% did not support it. He also said that only 23% of the faculty support arming the police, while 77% did not. Jackson said that they would take this into account when making the decision. "We're weighing this," he said. "One thing we do respect is the views of all constituencies."

Although the perspective of students who are against arming the campus police was underrepresented, Burgess attempted to present this side to the forum. Using the recent police shooting of an African American actor at a Halloween party, who had a fake gun, as an example Burgess said that human mistakes can sometimes occur, and students may be worried of this. "I think that what people are afraid of is common human error," he said.

From the Editor's Desk

"Censorship, like charity, should begin at home;
but unlike charity, it should end there."
Clare Boothe Luce
"That girl is definitely a carpet muncher."
-Personal Section of the Voice Issue 6

In recent weeks, the Campus Voice has been criticized by some for its political correctness. In the editorial that is running in this week's issue, the writer, who requested to have his or her name remain anonymous, criticizes those who have to "hide to make your point known." The writer also comments on the Voice's "lack of decorum" for Personals that have run in issues of the Voice this year.

First and foremost, a clear and present disclaimer runs along the bottom of the Personals section, which reads, "Note: The personals are a service to the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Voice Staff."

Furthermore, the media has been unjustly targeted as the source of violence in America and non-desirable behavior. The anonymous writer states, "printing such a stereotypical and vulgar statement only seeks to encourage such behavior and ignorance." The statement in the Personals represents the views of one individual only and those who would use such terminology would do so regardless of the college newspaper's Personals section.

The anonymous writer is suggesting that we should all live in a bubble, void of contact from the negative forces of society. He or she is suggesting that we censor the freedom of speech in America and restrict the media from printing at will.

The statement in the personals was not slanderous to any individual in particular, and though it may be considered offensive by some, possibly many, that person is entitled to their opinion and the Campus Voice should not be held responsible.

To the anonymous writer: keep your attacks toward community members who make the comments and away from the messenger. The personals are a service to the community and reflect individual views. It is not our intention to offend community members, but to represent the First Amendment to the best of our abilities.

The editors that copy edited that section of the Voice on that particular week were not current with lesbian slang words and were unaware what a "carpet muncher" referred to. Had they known they may or may not have cut the statement. Regardless, the staff of the Voice works endless hours each and every week to produce the best possible newspaper we can, and although I applaud the writer's cause, I disagree with his or her choice to remain anonymous while preaching an anti-hiding message and also his or her choice to promote censorship while challenging the Freedom of the Press as well as Free Speech. People are entitled to their opinions no matter how warped and demented we may think they are.

RJ Burgess III

American Cancer Society Rep. visits SGA

By Susie Barroso
Voice Reporter

The Regional Executive for Cancer Control from the American Cancer Society, Jennifer Kostanski, said that students need to be aware of the Great American Smoke Out on November 16, during the Student Government Association meeting held last week.

"Twenty-eight people a day, just in Massachusetts, lose their lives to a tobacco related death," said Kostanski. She started her speech with a quiz. "Do you know how many chemicals you're inhaling when you inhale second-hand smoke?" asked Kostanski. "There are four thousand different chemicals in second hand smoke," she said.

Kostanski said the leading cause of cancer-related death for both men and women is lung cancer. She said that there will be a table in the Ely Campus Center on November 16th that will have information on how to quit smoking and general information on the Great American Smoke Out.

Kostanski said that she hopes to work in conjunction with the college in the fight against smoking beyond November 16.

Another issue raised at the meeting was the incident of the missing banner from Scanlon Hall. "The short answer is that the RA's [resident assistants] made a mistake," said Jon Conlogue, Director of Residential Life. "They did something they weren't supposed to do."

Conlogue said that the RA's are supposed to look the room over once to make sure no one is hiding and immediately leave that room to check the next room.

Conlogue said that this was "a situation in Scanlon Hall in which a couple of RA's were unclear of the procedure." Conlogue said that "they had a discussion with those RA's and the entire Scanlon Hall Staff about proper room search procedures."

Conlogue said that the case against the students who were found with the banner was thrown out because of the way in which the banner was obtained.

Another issue of concern that was brought up at the meeting was an entry in the police log in The Campus Voice of a possible rape in Scanlon Hall and what preventive measures were being taken.

Chief Scannell was the first to address this issue. "Yes, we had an investigation and that's as far as I'm going into it," said Scannell. He said they do report those things but they guard the privacy of the victim. Scannell said that "in most cases like these" alcohol is an issue and the offender is usually known.

"For preventive measures," said Scannell, "keep your where withal and keep yourself sober are the best protection in any case and certainly look out for your friends."

Vice-President Jackson also commented on the issue. "We're going to be setting up a series of workshops in the Spring semester regarding this issue," said Jackson.

Jackson said that most of these cases involve people putting themselves in precarious situation and it is happening more to freshman and sophomores than to older students. Jackson emphasized that it's important that students look after one another and "keep together."

Mandy Miranda, SGA President, said in her report that they are still looking for one multicultural representative and one all-college representative. Miranda said that many colleges have a multicultural representative and it would be nice to see that seat filled at Westfield State College.

John Elwell of the Food Service Committee said that the cafeteria will be adding small packets of peanut butter and jelly to cut down on the messiness. Elwell said that it is still uncertain if the kitchen will undergo remodeling and if the meal plans will be changing.

Colleen Fromm, President of the Commuter Council, said that commuter week will be held on December 3-8. A few of the programs scheduled for that week are the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater in Scanlon Living Room on December 3 at 6:00 p.m. and the Commuter Breakfast in the Scanlon Banquet Hall at 9:30 am and 10:30 am.

Jocelyn Gregory, President of the Senior Class, said that they were working on getting Wally Lamb as the speaker at the graduation ceremonies. Lamb is the author of Girl Come Undone and several other novels.

Food and Health Drives led by WSC students to help the needy during the holiday season

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drop the items that they wish to donate at the appropriate locations.

The 12th annual food drive "Feed the Families" is sponsored by the national honor society in psychology Psi Chi. Students are asked to pass in any non-perishable food items to the Parenzo mail room by December 1st for distribution by the Salvation Army.

Both of these groups and all of the students who are willing to make donations to support these causes will be helping others who are less fortunate than themselves this holiday season.

Teach-in looks to the future

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contract that is being negotiated will give teachers a seven-year renewable contract that would be evaluated by the President of the college. The Board of Higher Education would be granted "staffing flexibility," something which Tetrault says will be the "end of free speech."

The problem with the contract "that has been put on the table," Art said when talking about tenure, is that "it would not get rid of incompetent people, just those who speak up." "The president could fire anyone he wants," he said.

The professors of state schools in Massachusetts would be paid 20% less than that of peer institutions. Murphy said that there is an economic boom in Massachusetts, yet it is ranked fiftieth in salaries paid to public higher educators. Art put it in perspective by saying that "seven to ten miles of highway [funding] would put us up with everyone else."

"Money is an issue, but academic freedom is a bigger issue," Art said. According to Art, the BHE wants "technology rather than teaching you how to think." One new point of the contract is that the Board wants only the latest books to be used in the classroom. Art said that if teachers didn't comply, they could be at risk of getting fired. He commented that he teaches a Bible class.

Bobb Burgess, '01, suggested that the faculty "shouldn't verbally bash the President" because it doesn'y help their cause. Korzec said that "I'm in favor of his pay raise. [We supported him]. We're asking him to do the same–support us." Tetrault said that "I do hold him accountable. [He's] not up front...He's too cozy with the Board {of Higher Education]."

Burgess brought up an ad the MSCA placed on their web site, which said "Think Twice about Applying to a State School." Burgess said he thought the ad to be "counter-productive" and suggested instead a positive ad. Korzec gave an example to illustrate the faculty frustration and to make it more applicable to students. He said the tenure policy would "Intimidate the best faculty…it's like a teacher intimidating a student. [The student would become quieter.] That's how the contract intimidates the teachers." Students agreed that such illustrations would make the faculty's problems more realistic. Other suggestions to reach the student body were that students need momentum, forums, and mass mailings stating the issues.

Michelle Mathews, '01, said that "we need a student leader." Burgess said "We need to organize. They [the BHE] are buying on the fact we aren't organized. They're hoping we don't."

Tetrault said the teach-in was being held partially because "the concept of college and education has to be re-examined. We [the faculty] are out of touch with our students. I learned that today."

Voice of The Week

Carlton Pickron

POSITIONS AT WSC: ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC ADVISING

HOMETOWN: JERSEY CITY, NJ

FAMILY: WIFE, 2 DAUGHTERS AND 3 CATS

YEARS AT WSC: 17 +

HOBBIES: GOING TO DAUGHTERS' EVENTS, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: THE PEOPLE: STUDENTS AND FACULTY

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: SOME OF THE OTHER PEOPLE

PERSON HE WOULD MOST LIKE TO MEET: MAYA ANGELOU

BEST DAY OF HIS LIFE: OCTOBER 13, 1985 AND FEBRUARY 7TH 1989, THE BIRTHS OF HIS DAUGHTERS

FAVORITE QUOTE: "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE OTHERS DO UNTO YOU"

KIND OF CAR: 1991 TOYOTA TERCEL

FAVORITE MOVIE: SPIKE LEE'S - "DO THE RIGHT THING"

COMPILED BY LAURA GIBSON

Some faculty question '333' budget

■ **'333' Forum**

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building. We did buy a few pieces for the President's office, but most of the furniture was re-used," said Robie.

'333' also did not have any handicapped access at all, according to Robie. "We had to add all handicapped access and bathrooms and ramps to '333.' That cost a lot of money. So did adding locks and new fire alarms, etc.," said Robie.

Robie said that spending the money on renovating the old Stanhome building was worth it. " It is absolutely a good thing for the college. I remember thinking back when I was a student here that we should own that building...the added benefit is that we can use the breathing room in Parenzo to begin the renovation of the rest of the college," said Robie.

President Frederick Woodward said that he also does not think that we spent too much money on the renovations. "We absolutely did not spend too much. I think we ended up with a product the campus can be proud of, " he said. "We couldn't usually have bought a building like this without spending ten times more than we did."

Some of the faculty have expressed their concern with the amount of money that was spent on '333.' "I find it unfortunate...that we are working toward building a beautiful, sprawling institution that is educationally bankrupt," said Professor Julian Fleron of the Mathematics Department.

Professor William Duval of the Psychology Department said he couldn't believe that the amount of money that was spent during a time like this for our campus. " I think it is amazing that when we have budget shortfalls on campus and academic departments have to go without, that we can spend a million dollars on that building," he said.

Professor Mike McCartney of the Criminal Justice department has his office in the new '333' building and said that he is glad about the new office space, but he thought it would be better if it had been cheaper to renovate. "I think that I can speak for the whole department when I say that the conditions we had before were unbearable. The building is much more conducive to doing what we need to do now, but if there was a cheaper way to do it, it would've been a better way," he said. "Now that the administration has more luxurious accomidations, I hope they will become more productive," he said.

Robie said that he thought the faculty was upset because of the contract situation. "It's unfortunate that they feel that way. I think that it's due to the problem with the contract negotiations, but it all depends on who you talk to," said Robie.

Woodward responded to the faculty remarks by saying that he understood why the faculty was upset. " I understand why they are upset, but I cannot take college money and give it to the faculty. Their contracts prohibit it," Woodward said.

Cities of Westfield and Springfield favor helping the people of Vieques

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began to protest near the U.S. installation. More than 1,000 protesters have been removed since then, causing a lot of arrests for trespassing on U.S. Navy property. A few of the arrested people were Nylda Velásquez, U.S. Representative for N.Y., and Rubén Berrios, an Independent Party from Puerto Rico who has been on the island for one year.

"It was the hardest day of my life because it says that the Constitution doesn't provide the same protection for the people of Puerto Rico and of Vieques as they do to other Americans," said Parrilla-Sweeney, emotionally expressing her tears for her beliefs, for her grandfather lives on Vieques,

"That's not cool," said sophomore Melissa Saporetti, hearing the information about this debate for the first time. More than 70 percent of Puerto Rico's residents now want an end to the military's occupation of Vieques, according to Sánchez. However, it is difficult for the island of Puerto Rico to do something about the situation because it has no Congressional Representative, making it "powerless politically," continued Sánchez explaining that otherwise, this would have not happened.

An agreement between President Clinton and Puerto Rico's Governor, Pedro Rosselló, for the people of Vieques, will allow the residents of Vieques to vote next January on the issue, according to Parrilla-Sweeney. If Vieques wants the U.S. Navy off the small island, the Navy would have to hand them $40 million as economic aid and then they would leave in 2003; if they allow the U.S. Navy to stay, the navy will give them an extra $10 million for economic aid.

Many people think Puerto Rico is losing money through these military exercises. In mid-December, the biggest bombing exercise started with the U.S. Navy and the NATO Countries (North Atlantic Treaties Organization). The reason the United States did not stop this training is that NATO gave the U.S. government "mega bucks" for this, according to Parrilla-Sweeney. "They get approximately $80 million a year, of which none goes to Vieques and Puerto Rico is not losing money at all."

Ismael Guadalupe, one of the leaders of Vieques, has a copy of health records belonging to a four-year-old girl, demonstrating the high toxic levels in her hair and her body. "…And the U.S. Navy continues to say there is no evidence," said Parrilla-Sweeney, containing a copy of the document. A University of Puerto Rico School of Public Health epidemiological study found that the cancer rate for Vieques residents is 27 percent higher than the rest of Puerto Rico.

On August 3, the Navy began a new bombing exercise, which led Robert Rabin, historian for Vieques, to write about the tying of ribbons on the wired fences of the U.S. Navy by many people, signifying peace for the people of Vieques. The article was called "Vieques Resistance Undaunted from the Nuclear Resister." Rabin was fined $5,000 the week of October 18 for this event.

Many events are beginning throughout America in support of Vieques and what many see as a U.S. violation of human rights. Puerto Rico had over 100,000 American citizens in the San Juan March for Peace for Vieques, closing up many roads for the biggest event taking place in Puerto Rico.

According to published reports, on Aug. 13, a human chain of 1,000 people, mainly from Vieques, stretched along the bombing range fence, sending the message on how the people of Vieques cry out for peace and how the destruction of their land had to stop.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. filed four lawsuits against the U.S. Navy, but lost one of the four cases. The other three have not been attended to as of yet.

The economic improvements for Vieques rely highly on fishing, which has now been taken away from them as well due to the U.S. Navy and their contamination. Toxic waste along with used and unused bombs were found in the Eastern coast part of the island creating extinction of animals, like turtles; illnesses of the people, such as cancer, and destroying the island as well, according to El Nuevo Día, a well-known newspaper in Puerto Rico.

Campaigns are beginning to take place throughout the United States as a form of support for the people of Vieques. The first town to adopt a resolution in favor of the people of Vieques was Amherst, MA. People in four other communities are in favor of helping Vieques: Boston, Lawrence, Springfield, and Westfield.

News Briefs

Supreme Court deciphering labor law.

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court spent a good part of Monday morning parsing the words of an obscure 1925 federal statute in an employment-law case that could have major implications for millions of American workers.

Hearing oral arguments in the case of Circuit City Stores vs. Adams, the justices tried to determine whether Congress meant to exclude essentially all employment contracts from coverage by the 75-year-old Federal Arbitration Act. The act made contractual agreements that call on the parties to arbitrate future disputes binding under federal law.

If the court decides that the act was meant to encourage only the arbitration of commercial disputes and does not cover employment contracts, it would invalidate the job agreement St. Clair Adams signed when he went to work at a Circuit City in California in October 1995, and, potentially, many other agreements like it that companies are asking workers to sign at businesses around the country.

'Hollywood 10' member dies at 85.

Ring Lardner Jr., the Academy Award winning screenwriter who was imprisoned for refusing to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, has died of cancer. He was 85.

The last surviving member of the so-called ``Hollywood 10," a group of blacklisted writers, directors and producers who went to prison for refusing to testify about their political beliefs, Lardner died Tuesday in the arms of his daughter, Katharine Lardner, at his home in New York City. His wife of 54 years, Frances Chaney, was at his side.

The other members of the ``Hollywood 10" were Alvah Bessie, Herbert Biberman, Lester Cole, Edward Dmytryk, John Howard Lawson, Albert Maltz, Samuel Ornitz, Robert Adrian Scott and Dalton Trumbo. Of the 10, only Dmytryk finally named names of suspected communists.

``A number of the Hollywood 10 just never recovered," said Stefan Kanfer, whose book, ``A Journal of the Plague Years," revisited the blacklist era. ``It seemed to me he (Lardner) was the least bitter of any of them. Ring remained a liberal, but not a communist. He discarded all that '30s garbage and went on with his life."

His defiant appearance before the House Committee in October 1947 led to his imprisonment and blacklisting. When asked by Committee Chairman J. Parnell Thomas if he was then or had ever been a communist, Lardner replied, ``I could answer that question the way you want, Mr. Chairman, but if I did I'd hate myself in the morning."

Lardner, who in fact was a member of the Communist Party but believed that it was no one's business, was cited for contempt for failing to cooperate with the committee. That led to his indictment and one-year jail sentence in 1947. After court appeals failed, Lardner served 10 months at the Federal Correctional Institution at Danbury, Conn.

In MA, artists feel free to needle clients again

BY PAMELA FERDINAND
WASHINGTON POST

WORCESTER, Mass. - It feels like His-and-Hers Day here at the body art salon Miraculous Creations, what with Maureen Pugliese having a winged pattern etched across her belly while her husband psyches himself up for a tribal tattoo that will take more than 40 hours and envelop his entire back.

The Worcester couple used to travel to Maine, where salon owners Steven ``Buzz" and Rose Pulda have another shop and tattooing was legal. But that's no longer necessary. Last week, a Massachusetts Superior Court judge struck down the state's 38-year-old tattooing ban, finding it violated First Amendment free speech rights.

Now, hundreds of artists are surfacing from a vibrant underground and returning from out of state to openly imprint skulls and crossbones, flowers and crosses, cartoon figures and Chinese symbols on eager customers.

``It's awesome," said Buzz Pulda, a mural of 75 tattoos whose gloved hands wielded a droning needle to the pounding chords of Jimi Hendrix. ``I don't have to look over my shoulder anymore."

In the 1950s, hepatitis outbreaks and concern about unsanitary tattoo operations led to widespread bans. Massachusetts prohibited the tattooing of anyone under 18 before halting the practice outright in 1962, with a penalty of up to a year in jail or a $300 fine. Only four other states now prohibit tattooing except by a health care professional: South Carolina, Oklahoma, Florida and Connecticut.

After several failed legislative attempts to legalize tattooing in Massachusetts, two Martha's Vineyard residents, including a New York-licensed artist who wants to practice here last year filed the civil suit, joined by the American Civil Liberties Union.

``Tattooing is a form of art," said attorney Harvey Schwartz. ``It's on the skin rather than canvas. but it's still art."

Judge Barbara Rouse agreed in her ruling, noting that tattooing is an art form practiced for thousands of years in virtually every culture.

``Persons obtain tattoos to demonstrate commitment to other persons, to institutions, to religious beliefs, and to political and personal beliefs," Rouse held. ``The medium on which the drawn image appears should not be relevant when determining whether something is 'speech'; the tattoo itself is symbolic speech deserving of First Amendment protection.

``The current ban on tattooing has promoted an underground tattoo industry with no controls which, in turn, has increased health risks," she added.

The decision took immediate effect, leaving everyone from ``scratchers," or amateurs, to licensed tattooers free to operate without restriction. The state Department of Public Health last week requested a 90-day stay while it hammers out emergency guidelines. Health officials plan to meet later this month and are likely to issue regulations on such issues as sterilization, single-use needles and practitioner training.

``I'm disappointed the legislature didn't act sooner on this," said state Rep. David Tuttle, who sponsored a bill to legalize and regulate body art. ``We could see the writing on the wall."

Rose Pulda agreed: ``The state asked for this, they really did. They would have put it off forever and ever, and there's no reason for it."

As soon as news broke of the ban being lifted, the Puldas rented a truck in Maine and sped their tattooing equipment here. In Boston, Sundy Noonan said her husband, Patrick, plans to quit his job as a chef to tattoo full-time. The couple had been working illegally in their industrial-sized loft with visiting artists.

``This is a whole new gig. We get to own our own business. ... We can actually support ourselves off it," said Noonan, 28, whose tattooed tribute to her grandparents - their names and tombstone embellished with flowers and candy hearts - wraps around her waist and back. ``Now we're all going to make a lot of money."

Others are more cautious. At the piercing salon Body Xtremes in Quincy, just south of Boston, owner Mik Miller will wait until city and state regulations are issued.

``As much as I wanted tattooing to be legal, I wanted it to become legal the right way," said Miller, whose face is traversed by pigmented spiders and scorpions. ``I am deathly afraid there is going to be an outbreak of hepatitis from the scratchers out there, and I honestly think that if there is an outbreak, they will just ban it again."

It's uncertain how the repeal will affect tattooers in states such as New Hampshire and Rhode Island, where businesses have relied on Massachusetts customers. Some owners said they are considering opening branches here; some hope clientele will remain loyal. Still others say the underground has flourished, so competition will remain about the same.

Rich Mackin, 28, an advertising copywriter, bills himself as the first person here in years to get a legal tattoo, but he knows all about the other kind. Boston art school friends drew most of his dozen tattoos, and trust is important for a guy who has the Chinese characters for ``garlic vegetables with rice" and a men's room symbol inscribed on his body.

``I'm definitely at a point right now where it's not how many more," he said, ``but how much coverage."

That object heading for earth? Dont worry until 2071

BY USHA LEE MCFARLING
LOS ANGELES TIMES

PASADENA, Calif. - Scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory have downgraded the threat of an object now speeding toward Earth and say there is no chance it will hit the Earth in 2030, but a 1 in 1,000 chance it could hit the Earth on Sept. 16, 2071.

Last week, scientists with NASA's office of Near Earth Objects and the International Astronomical Union announced there was a 1 in 500 chance that an object could hit the Earth in 2030. But additional observations have improved predictions of the object's path and suggest it will pass no closer to the Earth than 2.7 million miles on that date - 11 times the distance from the Earth to the moon.

``As we noted, the most likely scenario was that we will find additional observations that would render this prediction invalid," said Don Yeomans, manager of the NASA office. ``If there are 499 chances it won't hit and one that it will, new data will almost every time render it invalid."

This is the second embarrassing collision retraction in recent years. In 1998, scientists at the Minor Planets Center in Cambridge, Mass., gained worldwide headlines when they announced that a milewide asteroid had a small chance of hitting the Earth in 2028. The prediction was retracted a day later when more calculations were made. In that case, the corrections came from JPL.

Artist's concept of an asteroid's impact with Earth.

-File photo.

The incident led the International Astronomical Union to create new guidelines for announcing such potential Earth-dooming events. Astronomers would only make an announcement after reaching a consensus that there was some risk to the planet and would announce their findings within 72 hours of making them.

Yeomans followed those rules - only to have the new observations come shortly after he had held a news conference last Friday. The observations were made on Nov. 3, but not given to JPL until after the announcement became public, Yeomans said.

``We followed the rules to the letter," he said. ``I have no regrets. I'd do the same thing again."

Nevertheless, he conceded, astronomers may have to tweak the rules, perhaps to allow for more time to gather observations before going public.

Yeomans and his crew will continue to study the object called SG344, which is either a small asteroid about 200 feet in diameter or a spent Apollo-era rocket booster. A 35-foot piece of hardware like that would burn in the atmosphere and pose no threat to Earth.

Scientists determine the sizes of such objects by measuring the brightness of sunlight reflecting from them. A small, white rocket booster would be as bright as a much-larger rocky asteroid.

The object looks suspiciously like a rocket booster because it has an Earth-like orbit, which natural objects rarely have. The team is now tracing the path of the object backward to determine if it can be placed near Earth at the time of one of the Apollo launches, but have not yet succeeded in solving the mystery.

On a 10-point scale for grading impact hazards, Yeomans said the object had barely merited a 1 because of its small size and uncertainty over its path.

``As we noted in our first press release," Yeomans said, ``this object is much more interesting than threatening."

Lawless capitalism grips Russian business

By David Hoffman
Washington Post

MOSCOW - Black-masked riot police, wearing bulletproof vests and bearing nightsticks, broke down the doors of a venerable Russian vodka distiller this weekend, demonstrating anew how boardroom brawls continue to turn violent in Russia's turbulent brand of capitalism.

The riot police were called to the headquarters of the Smirnov family vodka company to help the new owners fight the old owners. Inside, Boris Smirnov, a founder and president who owns 50 percent of the company, refused to leave. Outside, Sergei Yuzefov, representing a company that has purchased the other 50 percent, demanded to be admitted so he could oust Smirnov.

A melee ensued in which Smirnov's security service barred the doors. The new owners called the riot police, who stormed the main entrance, smashed a wooden door and climbed in through the windows.

The raid was just the latest example of an abiding sore spot in the Russian economy that has continued to worry foreign investors and has posed a challenge to President Vladimir Putin. While Russia has privatized the vast majority of formerly state-owned factories and companies, it has done far less to secure property rights of owners and shareholders.

Hardly a week goes by when companies large and small are not enmeshed in high-profile quarrels over property, which seem to defy the courts and spill into raucous allegations of theft and cheating and, sometimes, violence.

The outcome of the battle is important for Russia's economy. Although currently enjoying a windfall from high oil prices, many economists have said that in the long term Russia needs to create a stable and predictable investment climate to attract the billions of dollars required to retool its aging, Soviet-era industrial base.

Putin has said that creating a good climate for investment - governed by the "dictatorship of law" - was one of his top priorities. During a visit to France last week, Putin reasserted that Russia wanted to integrate itself into the global economy and protect the rights of property owners.

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-Eric Kraus

But the reality inside Russia has been different. The boardroom scuffles, which began under former President Boris Yeltsin, have continued unabated since Putin took over Dec. 31, and he has done little about it. He appointed a team of liberal economic advisers, and has often reiterated his commitment to market reforms, but be has displayed no appetite for straightening out the mess in what experts call corporate governance. This includes disputes over ownership, over minority shareholders and their rights, and over a variety of tactics to grab or conceal value in a company.

In the West, long-established rules and aggressive regulators have provided transparency and protected investors. But in Russia, which has yet to establish the rule of law, chunks of companies worth billions of dollars are shuffled around at will. Mysterious shell companies are used to drain the value from parent firms, at the expense of shareholders. The battles have been especially intense in Russia's oil and gas industry, where many foreign investors have bought up shares. Recently, for example, critics have raised questions about whether the management of Gazprom, the natural gas monopoly, was covertly transferring assets to another company in which the managers may have their own private interests.

Driven by the higher oil prices, Russia's macro-economic outlook is brighter than at any time since the 1998 ruble crash. There is a budget surplus, and the Central Bank's hard currency reserves have returned to pre-crash levels. However, stocks remain in the doldrums.

Peter M. Halloran, executive chairman of Aton Capital Group, a leading brokerage house here, said the stock market is suffering because of worries about the corporate governance risks. "It's the biggest problem for the equities market," he said, adding that "as you unravel each one in a positive direction, it helps the market."

In the Smirnov case, the dispute stemmed from the purchase last summer of 50 percent of the vodka company by Alfa Eko, a trading company that is part of the Alfa Group, one of Russia's larger financial-industrial conglomerates. The new owners wanted to boost Smirnov production in Russia from the current 200,000 to 300,000 bottles a month to more than a million.

But the sitting president, Boris Smirnov, who held the other 50 percent, refused to yield. According to the newspaper Kommersant, Smirnov insisted that his shares also be bought out and that he be appointed general director for life.

(Separately, Boris Smirnov has been fighting a long-running legal dispute over the use of the brand name. He revived the Smirnov label on Russian vodka after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. He is a descendant of Pyotr Smirnov, a merchant who founded the original vodka company in Russia in 1860. However, the Smirnov vodka produced in Russia is not the same as Smirnoff, the best-selling vodka brand in the world produced by multinational distiller UDV _ but not in Russia, though it is sold here. UDV claims its predecessor company, Heublein, acquired the Smirnoff name in 1934 from a Russian emigre. The emigre bought it from one of Pyotr Smirnov's sons, Vladimir, who had changed his name to Smirnoff after leaving Russia. The case is in the courts.)

The new owners, Alfa Eko, then chose Yuzefov for the post of acting general director, and tried to abolish Smirnov's post. Alfa Eko won a court ruling allowing it to enter the Smirnov offices in central Moscow. When Yuzefov was barred by Smirnov's security service, he called in the riot police. Boris Smirnov vowed not to give up.

The Smirnov case pales by comparison to the stakes in a controversy surrounding Norilsk Nikel, one of the world's largest producers of such precious metals as nickel and platinum, which reported $2.2 billion in sales and $1.1 billion in net profits for the first half of this year.

The company was privatized in the notorious 1995-96 "loans for shares" auctions in which Russian tycoons gobbled up the country's biggest industrial assets in sweetheart deals. Norilsk was taken over by the architect of loans for shares, Vladimir Potanin, one of the group of tycoons known as the oligarchs who came to prominence under Yeltsin.

Recently, Norilsk announced an extraordinarily complex "restructuring" in which minority shareholders have said they are being undermined by Potanin's conglomerate, Interos, the majority shareholder in Norilsk. James Fenkner, an analyst with the brokerage house Troika Dialog, said recently that while the plan "is incredibly complex, the end result is not. The majority owners get far more of Norilsk Nikel, and the minority owners get far less."

Norilsk has said the restructuring, when complete next year, will eventually help investors by consolidating into one company all its cash flows, which in the past have gone through murky trading companies.

However, Eric Kraus, chief strategist of Nikoil Capital Markets, another brokerage house, said this explanation was hypothetical and "Potanin made fools of anyone who had trusted him . . revealing to all just how treacherous a place the Russian market can still be."

Dmitri Vasiliev, a former head of the Russian securities commission who now runs an investor rights group, said that Putin's aides have sent a "clear message" that they want to get more involved in corporate governance disputes. But, Vasiliev added, "from the point of view of a rank-and-file investor or a foreign investor, the situation has not improved."

Defector says Saddam was near to building A-Bomb

By Vernon Loeb
Washington Post

WASHINGTON - After escaping from Baghdad in 1994, Iraq's chief nuclear weapons scientist thought his quest for freedom was over when be offered to tell the Central Intelligence Agency everything he knew about Saddam Hussein's weapons program in exchange for asylum.

But in the satellite telephone call the CIA said it wasn't interested, forcing Khidhir Hamza on a desperate flight from Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq that took him to Turkey, Libya, Tunisia and Hungary. Finally, after Hamza turned up at the U.S. Embassy in Budapest in 1995, the CIA realized its mistake, began debriefing Hamza and smuggled his family out of Baghdad.

"I held secrets no one outside Iraq, and only a handful of people inside the country, could know," Hamza writes in a new book co-authored with journalist Jeff Stein, "Saddam's Bombmaker: the Terrifying Inside Story of the Iraqi Nuclear and Biological Weapons Agenda." "Not even the aggressive U.N. inspectors ... knew what we still had and how dangerous the situation was. None of them knew that Saddam had been within a few months of completing the bomb when be invaded Kuwait."

Speaking on Thursday to nonproliferation experts at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Hamza said Saddam probably possesses a crude, two- to three-kiloton atomic bomb and could conceivably begin limited bomb production within two to three years if international sanctions are lifted.

Later, in an interview, Hamza said that he had long ago forgiven CIA officials for the way in which "they rebuffed and even ridiculed my pleas for help in 1994," as he puts it in his book.

"They did redeem themselves," Hamza said. "They went through a large operation to save my family, with a five-man planning team here and a nine-man team in the north of Iraq. They saved my family's lives literally - they all would have been killed. For me, that's a lot. That's everything."

The CIA does not agree that Iraq possesses a crude nuclear weapon. "We don't believe they have the fissile material required for a nuclear weapon," said one senior U.S. official, noting that Hamza has been away from the Iraqi program for six years. "Nor do we believe they currently have the infrastructure to build a nuclear weapon."

Now living in Virginia with his wife and three sons, Hamza, 61, received a master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his doctorate in nuclear physics from Florida State University. He was teaching at a small college in Georgia in 1970 when he was ordered home to work in Iraq's fledgling atomic energy program.

By 1985, he had become Saddam's personal nuclear weapons adviser, charged with directing a crash program to make Iraq a nuclear power. The country had 25 kilograms of bomb-grade uranium from a French-built reactor, Hamza writes, and volumes of nuclear weapons technology from the World War II Manhattan Project that produced the first U.S. atomic bomb. Hamza discovered the declassified Manhattan Project reports on a dusty shelf in Baghdad, a gift, be writes, from the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in 1956.

But by 1994, with Iraq close to enriching its own uranium through diffusion technology, Hamza plotted his escape and soon found himself at the headquarters of the opposition Iraqi National Congress in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq, talking on a secure, satellite telephone to CIA officers 10,000 miles away in Langley, Va.

"I wasn't a low-level official," Hamza writes. "I had designed Saddam's bomb. That should be easy enough for them to confirm. I also knew about the chemical and biological programs."

But after 15 or 20 minutes, Hamza came to believe his long-distance debriefers had never heard of him and knew little about Iraq's bomb program, headquartered at Al-Atheer. Hamza writes that a CIA officer chuckled at the notion of a weapons plant at Al-Atheer and closed the door on his only demand: asylum.

Warren Marik, a former CIA case officer who was present at CIA headquarters at the time of the call, said Friday that he was "appalled" at the way his colleagues dismissed Hamza. "They blew him off, and you don't do that to a walk-in," Marik said.

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-Khidhir Hamza

Marik said part of Hamza's problem lay in the fact that his call had come through Ahmed Chalabi, the Iraqi National Congress leader who had by then fallen out of favor with the agency. But Marik also faults Hamza for being testy and demanding with the CIA officers and refusing to give them enough information to establish his bona fides.

In any event, the CIA knew Hamza's name a year later, when he showed up at the U.S. Embassy in Budapest. Part of the difference then, Marik said, was that Hamza's approach had been coordinated through a different Iraqi opposition group, the Iraqi National Accord, which had much closer ties to Langley.

"In fact, with every passing hour of my arrival in Germany, where I was first debriefed, the attitude of the CIA grew more trusting, friendly and respectful," Hamza writes.

Once they had flown him back to Washington, Hamza called his oldest son, Firas, in Baghdad and set the CIA's exfiltration plan in motion.

Soon enough, a deranged-looking beggar - actually a Kurdish smuggler working for the CIA - approached Firas Hamza in a Baghdad coffee shop, whispered his name and signaled him to walk outside onto the street.

The Kurd handed Firas Hamza a letter from his father and told him to bring his mother and younger brothers the following day to Mosul, north of Baghdad. From there, the Kurd drove Hamza's family over the mountains to the Kurdish-controlled north of Iraq, where they waited in a safe house to be evacuated.

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

A few weekends ago, I had the pleasure of visiting a longtime friend over at UMASS. As we wandered through the campus, I tried saying hello to a number of people that we passed. One or two of them actually took the time to respond. The rest simply breezed by. After about ten such encounters, my friend asked me what exactly I was doing. I replied that I was trying to be friendly, and was told that such behavior "just didn't happen at UMASS." Now believe me, I'm used to being ignored (especially by women...go figure), so I wasn't personally offended, yet I found it somewhat disheartening.

A few days later, I was having breakfast with a group of friends at a small diner. The check came, we paid it, and despite my argument that we had a good waitress, the tip that was put down came to almost fifteen percent exactly. As we got up to leave, I noticed that I had a few ones left in my wallet. Seeing as I had to stop at an ATM anyways, I figured I could spare a few dollars. I dropped the three bucks down on the table, adding it to the tip. One of my friends looked at me oddly, and asked why I had done that. I shrugged and told him it was only three dollars. I also pointed out that it was a really simple gesture that might just make the waitress' day, yet it was costing me next to nothing. He looked at her, looked at the money, then back at me and said, "Well, yeah, but why? It's not like you're ever going to see her again."

Another time, I was coming into the Dining Commons, and exchanged a few words with Dottie as she swiped my card. Making my way to the line, my companion asked me if I had made a new best friend. I replied that I had merely said hello. She smirked and asked me why. I asked her why not. She asked me why. Again, I asked her why not (This was some repartee we had going here, I assure you. Witty as can be). After about ten seconds or so, she rolled her eyes, and, with a sigh, uttered my very favorite expression: "Whatever."

What irritates me, though, is that I never got an answer from anybody. WHY NOT? How did saying hello to a peer become such a task? Why did it become important to show random generosity only to people who you'll see again? When did respecting a person who does a thankless job day in and out become a big deal?

Now, before I continue, I want to make a little disclaimer here. Usually, I'm not a big fan of bumper stickers with cute little expressions on them. Like Chris Ward said a few weeks ago in The Cut, trying to sum up your spiritual philosophy on a mass-produced sticker, then slapping it on your car is sort of silly. I find it especially amusing when I see a "What Would Jesus Do" sticker flanked by the infamous "Toucha My Truck, And I'll Breaka Your Face" on one side, and a Pissing Calvin on the other. One day, however, several years back, I came outside to find a simple little statement adorning our Ford Tempo's bumper, a phrase that went on to affect my dealings with others. It read (something to the effect of): PERFORM RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS AND SENSELESS ACTS OF BEAUTY.

This is a statement that I strive to live by. We've all heard that a simple smile can completely change a person's day for the better. Then why is it that we are at the point when such an act seems out of the ordinary? Are we too busy scrawling hateful messages on the walls of bathroom stalls to care? Are we so consumed with our own importance, all our degrees and promotions and stocks and cell phones and new clothes that we ignore that many groups are still oppressed, even when they live right among us? So I challenge every student of WSC to help make a change. If you think that I'm wrong, that we already are living in an open, accepting environment, then prove me wrong. Please. Any takers?

This goes beyond nodding to each other on the green, though. This means saying hello the Peg, Mary, Dottie, or whoever else swipes your card in the caf. It means saying thank you to those that serve you food. It means taking it upon yourself to bring up your own tray, cleaning up your OWN mess, instead of relying on the tray folks to do it for you (isn't that a principle we all learned in kindergarten? C'mon, it's not that hard, guys). It means getting to know your maintainer by name, and being sure you and the rest of your section show them the respect and thanks that they deserve.

It means getting out there and donating blood at the next drive. It's a real simple procedure. Afraid of the pain? Well, think of the mother in a car wreck, slowly dying because the blood banks are low, the mother who YOUR blood could save. Maybe then a little needle won't seem that bad. Maybe it means serving at a soup kitchen, putting in a couple hours at Habitat For Humanity, or becoming a Big Brother or Sister. It may even mean putting aside hate, accepting the fact that there are other people out there that are different from you, recognizing your ignorance, and doing something about it.

None of us can change the world. But if every one of us dedicated ourselves to looking at each other without hatred, if each of us decided that we would make five strangers smile every day, if all of us would do just a couple hours of community service a month, imagine what we could accomplish.

I'm far from perfect. Believe me. Most days, I would settle for adequate. But I'm going to make a vow to you all right now. I vow that every day, I'm going to try to make some small difference in one of your lives. Whether it's holding a door, saying hello, or really listening if you've got something to tell me, I want to do my part to promote a general atmosphere of kindness on this campus. Sounds pretty simple, huh? A bunch of you probably strive to do this already. If so, thank you. Ask yourself, though, if you really extend this courtesy to all types of people. We all say hi to people we know, and you'll see a lot of guys hold the door for certain girls. That isn't exactly what I have in mind. What I'd love to see is for every one of us to find somebody we don't know, regardless of their color, gender, religion, sexual orientation...whatever. Find them, look them in the eye, say hello, ask how they are, and actually care about their response. Will this happen? Of course not. Will some people take me up? Maybe. We'll see. Is it something to strive for? You bet.

I bet a whole lot of people think I'm one self-righteous little twerp right about now. That I think I've got everything all figured out. Well, I'll be the first one to admit that I don't know the first thing about life. If you asked me a year ago what I believed, I would probably have gone on for some time. Now, not so much. My list includes a very small amount of items. One thing that I do know, however, is that the way we live our lives, the way we treat others, is really what this world is all about. So, I challenge every one of you to do your part to make our world a better place, starting right here on this campus. Say hi to somebody you don't know, get involved, support and respect one another, and put aside hate.

And always remember to perform random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty.

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WSC student shares international exchange experience

Meg Canning, a junior at Westfield State College (WSC), is spending a semester in Northern England. She writes to the Campus Voice to share herexperiences.

"Fraid of flying, ay?," the tall and slim attendent asked. I'm not thrilled about it but I wasn't crying my eyes out over it.

I was nervous, excited, and sad. The emotions were pouring out of my eyes while I walked away from my parents and boyfriend. I was walking away from comfort into an unknown world.

I arrived in Manchester, England at 9:30 am but my body thought it was 4:30 am. Let me tell you about JET-LAG! Three days later my sleeping pattern and body were back to normal…

I walked around the airport, looking for a person with the sign that read my name. I was so relieved when I found him that I almost jumped into the wrong side of the car! Transportation is backwards here, remember.

That's one of the many cultural differences I've adapted to. One of the reasons I chose to study in England was because they spoke the same language.

That's what I thought.

LANGUAGE: Here are some examples of what you'd say in the States then in England. Underwear - pants; pants - trousers; drunk - pissed; make fun of - take the piss on; kiss - snog; How are you? - You alright?, Goodbye - Cheers, friend - mate; I'm leaving - I'm getting off; sweater - jumper; liquor store - off-license; horseplay - muck about; erasers and Band Aids - rubbers; I'll call you - I'll ring or phone you.

The first two examples are the ones you have to watch out for. I heard a story of an exchange student that worked in a bar. She was talking to a group of guys and mentioned she needed to go shopping. One of them asked what for and she said, "Well, I need new black pants. I've been wearing the same pair to work all week." That's a mistake you don't want to make!

EDUCATION: Classes are very different than at WSC. Each module meets for four hours once a week. Most classes are split into lecture then seminar or workshop. There aren't any quizzes or midterms to prepare for so it's hard to motivate myself to study. Independent research is expected of each student with

an essay turned in at the end.

PEOPLE: One of the reasons I chose WSC was its friendliness. Everyone says hello to everyone.

You should've seen the looks I got when I greeted students around campus. Friendliness seems to startle many British students. It's not an important part of their culture, as it is in the States.

It's only after you've been casually introduced to someone that he or she will carry a conversation. The British students that I've befriended are very open, fun and nice.

SOCIAL: Students' social lives begin at the Pub around age 15. The legal age to drink is 18 years old, 16 to smoke and 17 to drive.

The dating scene is much more casual and laid back. In most instances, you're in a "short-lived but serious at the moment" relationship or you just meet as many people as you can. There isn't any dating in between.

The "blokes" that I know get very jealous easily. They get mad when other guys even look at their girlfriends.

There are two ways to hold hands. You're an item when your fingers are intertwined and just friends when your hands are clasped. I thought that was interesting.

FOOD: I've never seen so many thin girls eat chocolate bars and chips (fries) all the time. A typical lunch or dinner is a plate of chips covered in gravy or baked beans. I'm actually looking forward to a meal in the Dining Commons!

GETTING AROUND: I find public transportation to be much more accessible here. The trains go everywhere and buses and taxis are usually available. Easyjet.com has cheap flights to all over Europe also. The most popular means of transportation seems to be by foot. (Maybe that's why they can eat so many candy bars!)

That's all I have for now. Look forward to reading about the places I've traveled to, fun things we (the exchange students) have done and the interesting people I have met. I hope this column was enjoyable and educational at the same time.

-Meg Canning
Class of 2002

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The Cut

CHRIS WARD

"May you live to be a hundred years... ninety-nine to live and one to repent." -Irish toast

"I'm just not feeling it, I'm leaving you." How many of us have heard these words before? How many of us have spoken them? There's the peried of attempting to lessen the blow; "No, no, it isn't you, it's me. This just isn't working out." Then sharing the blame: "You didn't seem to have time for me, but I also didn't give you the attention that you deserved." The words cut deeply, don't they? "Don't look at this as a failure, it's just a time for reevaluating priorities."

Few things in life are less fun than that last conversation with a professor whose class you've just decided to drop. It's always a toss up who'll take it harder. It would be easier, emotionally speaking, to simply mail the form to them but that would be denying you both the opportunity for closure and the healing that it brings. "Dry your tears now, little camper, this just wasn't your semester."

By the time this sees print, if all goes well, our country will be back in the capable hands of the Grand Ol' Party, but just in case doom befalls us, take heart, fellow thinking persons. I learned on CPTV yesterday that Al Gore's initial successful Senate run in Tennessee was won on a platform of anti-abortion and anti-gun control. I suppose I can't blame him though. Those platforms are the only way to win anything in Tennessee, and this also explains why they aren't carrying him now. I do feel sorry for those who were duped into thinking that this was a straightforward contest between two candidates, one pro-life and one pro-choiee.

The reality is that Gore is a creature of public opinion (surprise) and he can't be counted on to protect anything but his derriere, including a woman's "right to choose." I firmly believe that if the polls indicate a public desire for conservative Supreme Court appointees that, with a second term in the balance, Gore will do it without blinking. Then again, he does most things without blinking. I don't think the man blinks. The sole silver lining of a Gore administration, as I've said, is Joe Lieberman. Joe will save us. That's my mantra, "Joe will save us all."

If Bush wins, the first thing he needs to do is get Cheney out past his bed time to the Hu Ke Lau for Kamikazes and Karaoke.

There are realities involved with preparing food in mass quantities, and a relative lack of the quality that you may be used to at home is usually one of them. It would be far too easy to sit here and say that the food sucks. I could joke about it and some of you might laugh and that would be playing it pretty damn safe and predictable. I try hard, and sometimes a little too hard, not to be safe and predictable. Sure, there's been the occasional reference to black squirrels on the sandwich line, but I haven't really approached the issue yet. Until now. The quality of the food on the weekends, especially Saturday evening and all day Sunday, is at times barely adequate and more than once I've walked in and walked straight back out with an apple. I get frustrated and I get pissed off and I yell at the high school kids and one time I followed one home and punched her mother. I'm pretty shrimpy though so she only laughed at me and kicked my ass.

Here's what I'd like you to do if this is a concern. Using my CV Email address, Seamus2003@Yahoo.com, please send me every bitch, gripe, and complaint about the Caf food, the staff, the cleanliness, whatever. Be specific. "The food sucks" doesn't qualify as specific, nor does "I fed the chicken pot pie to my dog and it died." To tell me that "My dog died of Amebic Dysentery with blood gushing from his anus"(there's a visual) is a little better, but I'd rather get some serious questions to ask when I meet with Peter Stetson, the General Manager of the Dining Commons, next week.

I'd also like positive feedback. I'd like to point out the good things that they do to help make sure that they continue being done. My purpose is not to circumvent your responsibilities in all of this, such as constructive use of the comment box or, even better, the airing of questions and concerns at the next Food Service Committee meeting. Perhaps part of the problem is that Mr. Stetson hasn't attended even one this year, and that will be my first question. I'll also dig up what I can about the Caf renovations next summer and the (unfounded at this point) rumors of a "pay-as-you-go" meal plan for next year.

"The quality of the food on the weekends, especially Saturday evening and all day Sunday, is at times barely adequate and more than once I've walked in and walked straight back out with an apple."

-Chris Ward

Congratulations to Dr. Engel for catching the reference to "The Beatles Yellow Submarine." This week's reference is "I hate Illinois Nazis!"

The first weekly "Style over Substance" award in a while goes out to the owner of all free-world media, Ted Turner. A UN press release indicated that a bumpercrop of twenty-somethings could lead to high birth rates that, in turn, could produce water and food shortages and generally wreak havoc and it led Ted to intone that couples should limit themselves to one child to avoid overcrowding the planet. Ted Turner is a father of five.

I'd like to thank the speakers at the education forum for spelling out the changes to the education curriculum in a way that was easy to understand. I understand that the changes are well intentioned, necessary, and basically in response to the federal funding power play which is currently taking place. I respectfully disagree with taking the teacher's test before any practical experience can be gained. And a new course simply to prepare for the test "or for someone who's only failed it once" is nothing short of an admission that we aren't going to do all that well... unless you teach the test, but we're supposed to be against that. Then what's waiting for me on the other side of my M.A.?

The state doesn't want to pay me a fair wage and they want to take my tenure. In light of these changes, among others locally and nationally, I've cemented my decision not to become an educator of English. Why in the hell would I walk into that mess on purpose? Employed teacher or unemployed writer, either way I eat Kraft dinner so I may as well be happy. And you may as well, too. Peace and balance, Westfield.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

Careless Thoughts

CARRIE JANIK

Forgiveness. What is it exactly? The dictionary defines it as "to cease, to feel resentment against." However, let's be honest, that is a pretty simple definition of such a complex word. I have always been a firm believer that holding grudges takes more energy than actually forgiving a person.

Grudges leave you mulling over what that person did to you for hours, days, months, or even years. Yes years, after my Grandfather is still holding grudges from before the Korean War. The grudge manifests itself into a monster before you know it. Sometimes it spins so out of control that you can't even remember what it is that you are mad about in the first place. None-the-less, burying the hatchet is much easier said than done. Emotions such as stubborness, pride, dignity, and fear of being the sucker get in the way. So what is it that allows people to finally abolish a long held grudge? I think it stems from the fact that they want to see the good in people and are sick of the vindictivness that goes along with malevolence. However, can one just blot out another's transgression for the sake of being the "bigger person?" Let us recognize that forgiveness should not be given away. When it is exchanged between two people it is a silent agreement that the issue at hand will not happen again.

I think this is where the difference between forgiving and forgetting comes into play. It is a lot easier to forgive someone than to truly forget. I believe it's important not to totally forget because everyone's mistakes, including your own, strengthen ones character throughout his or her life. Should you persecute someone for their wrongdoings for eternity? No, but if you can keep a little part of it stored somewhere inside of yourself, then you will be a better person for it.

On the other hand, it is cleansing to resolve bad blood that has existed for a period of time. There is nothing like the hug that follows a reconciliation. There are way too many uncontrollable things in life to spend time letting a fight over money, a relationship gone askew, a cigarette burn in your favorite sweater or a mere miscommunication consume our emotional energy. So although we may all have to take a big gulp and a deep breath ,take the first step and you really will be the bigger person.

C. Janik is a Voice Columnist

"Everything you wanted to
know about smoking
but were afraid to ask"
Nov. 15 Wilson Aud. A
7p.m.

Hunger and Homelessness Sleepout

November 15 at 7:00 p.m.
in Wilson Auditorium B

Agenda:

7:00 pm-Speakers addressing local issues concerning hunger and homelessness.

8:15 pm-Group discussion to dispel the myths and stereotypes of homelessness

9:00 pm-Candlelight vigil in remembrance of victims of poverty

9:30 pm-7:00am-Campfire and sleepout on the campus green in front of Ely Library

Bring canned food and clothing!

Police Log from 10/23/00-10/29/00

10/23/00 -

-Medical Transport to Noble, Courtney Hall

-Medical transport to Noble, Health Services

-Industrial accident, Ankle injury, 333

10/24/00 -

-Annoying phone calls, Investigated, Lammers Hall

-Medical Transport to Noble, Davis Hall

10/25/00 -

-Medical Emergency, Transported to Noble, Lammers Hall

10/26/00 -

-Malicious Destruction, Broken windows in vehicle, Commuter Lot

-Medical emergency, Transported to Noble, Dining Commons

-College policy violation, Alcohol, referred to Conduct Board, Lammers Hall

-Injured person, Transported to Noble, Dining Commons

10/27/00 -

-College policy violation, Alcohol, Protective custody, Courtney Hall

-Disturbance, Verbal altercation, Ely North Lot

-Malicious destruction, Broken light, Courtney Hall

-Malicious destruction, Fire extinguisher discharged, Dickinson Hall

-Protective Custody, Dickinson Hall

-General Investigation, Damage to Vehicle, South Lot

-Parking enforcement, Towed due to revoked registration, Commuter Lot

-Check person, Person left area, Juniper Park

-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to Conduct Board, Courtney Hall

10/28/00 -

-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to Conduct Board, Lammers Hall

-General investigation, Loss of wallet, Parenzo Hall.

10/29/00-

-College policy violation, Alcohol, Judicial referral, Scanlon Hall

-Malicious destruction, Damaged bulletin board, Dickinson Hall

-Check Person, Arrested on default warrant, Scanlon Hall

-Motor vehicle accident, Suspect left scene, Parenzo Road

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WSC student responds to gay issues on campus

To the Campus Community:

Two weeks ago, a personal in the Campus Voice read "How fair is it that homosexual couples can room together but not straight couples?" Several weeks ago another personal read "I think she's a carpet-muncher." On Wednesday, October 10, the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) hung signs and wrote messages in chalk around campus with the hope of educating the campus community. Several hours later, the chalk was washed away and the majority of signs were either vandalized or torn down.

It is things like these that take place on this campus that have caused me to write this and I wish to respond to each of them. In response to the personal ad about fairness. I can see why some would feel it is unfair that males and females are unable to room together. After all, college students are expected to act as adults, so why not be treated in the same way? However, consider the following: How fair is it that homosexual couples are not allowed to marry? How fair is it that homosexual couples are not allowed to adopt? How fair is it that homosexuals are denied the same basic rights as heterosexuals? How fair is it a homosexual can be fired from her/his job for nothing else than being homosexual? How fair is it homosexuals are persecuted merely for being homosexual? How fair is it that I (and others) have to constantly defend myself (ourselves) because ignorance and bigotry exists so blatantly on this campus? Still think you have the short end of the deal?

Something else to consider: gays on this campus (ESPECIALLY a homosexual couple living together) are persecuted daily. Living on campus with your spouse seems like a great thing, until you start getting death threats on your answering machine and hateful messages written on your door. Also, let us not overlook the calls of "die faggots" and "I hope you die of AIDS" shouted from outside from anonymous passers-by.

Now, on to the second personal. "I think she is a carpet-muncher." Had the personal made a racist statement, would it have been printed? It is stereotypes like this that only show the lack of maturity and respect (I won't even touch acceptance) on this campus. It not only shows the lack of decorum from the individual who wrote it, but also the lack of decorum from The Campus Voice. I think that The Voice does a super job of keeping the campus community involved and informed, but printing such a stereotypical and vulgar statement only seeks to encourage such behavior and ignorance.

When the GSA wrote in chalk and hung signs it was with the hope that the campus community would be more educated on the issues that gays are forced to deal with. By early morning, the chalk was washed away. Apparently, there is an anti-chalk policy in effect on campus which states that chalk is not permitted on the walkways and sidewalks on campus because it can be tracked into the buildings and dirty the floors. Perhaps there should also be an anti-mud policy enacted as well, to preserve our building floors and reduce maintenance costs. Of course, this would mean fixing the drainage (or lack thereof) on campus so students no longer have to wade through a foot of water in rainy weather and track mud and dirt into the buildings.

I proudly hung signs in hallways, classrooms, and many visible areas. How proud are you of your sexuality or beliefs if you have to hide to make your point known?

Sarcasm aside, I have come to accept the anti-chalk policy and, since I was a "chalker," will admit to my wrong-doing. I then pose this question: If the majority of the chalk was washed away due to a violation of college policy, how can the chalk messages that were only smudged be explained? Merely smudging the chalk does not make it less likely to be tracked through the buildings. Why wasn't all of the chalk washed away? Perhaps the question that should be posed: "Is the real problem with the chalk or with what the chalk said?" Also, why weren't messages that appeared later in the day also washed away? Messages in chalk that read "I love gay pornography" and "I am straight" remained, intact, for several days until they were washed away – by the rain. This only leads me to conclude that the issue wasn't with the chalk, but with the messages.

Like I wrote, I accept the anti-chalk policy. I violated a policy, punish me. The signs that were hung, however, did not violate a policy and were still removed. Of course, some were inevitably ripped down by students, but I personally saw maintenance removing signs from the walls. I was extremely respectful and carefully chose where to place each sign. They didn't cover any windows (nor were any other sign-hanging violations broken), nor did I put my signs over any other signs. I was respectful of others' messages, hoping to be treated with the same respect.

The signs that were hung by the GSA were torn down, though signs that have been out-dated since the first week of school still adorn the hallways and bulletin boards. Not only were signs removed, a number were defaced. Hateful messages and slurs were added to signs and some even took it upon themselves to make their own signs. I apologize to any - gay, straight, whatever - that had to read these signs and see the ignorance. One thing that I found particularly interesting, though, is where these modified signs were located. If you noticed they were all in stairwells or bathrooms where the 'artists' would not be seen. How is that for a statement? I proudly hung signs in hallways, classrooms, and many visible areas. How proud are you of your sexuality or beliefs if you have to hide to make your point known?

This may seem like a bunch of complaining and whining, but I am tired. I am tired of constantly having to defend myself. I am tired of seeing the people I care about crucified for the way they live their lives. No, it is NOT a choice! Who would ever choose the hard road? Who would ever choose to be a minority constantly crucified and discriminated against? I'd like to think that I am a fairly intelligent person and, believe me, if it were all a matter of choice, I would have made a different choice years ago. I am tired of having "die faggot" yelled at my window and more than anything, I am tired of the general lack of support and apathy on this campus. Supporting those different than you only shows what a good person you are.

Thank you,
Anonymous

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

I'd like to begin this column by saying that I'm sorry about any misconceptions I may have presented about The Nest, in my column of October 30.

I didn't mean to blame anyone in particular for the fact that there isn't much student involvement here on weekends. This is something the whole college should work to improve. However, I do wish more students would attend SGA meetings with ideas. Anyone may speak at a meeting, as long as they ask to be recognized. If more people were involved, who knows what could get done?

I was impressed by how many people came to see the hypnotist, last night. It was nice to see so many people here on a Sunday night.

As a member of SGA, I would ask anyone who has ideas to contact their hall or class representative, if they cannot attend a meeting themselves. They are elected to represent their fellow students. I wish I had some ideas from students.

On another note, I'd like to remind everyone about the MassPIRG Sleep-Out this Wednesday. The purpose of this event isn't to convince people to sleep outside and freeze, but to raise awareness about hunger and homelessness. Contrary to popular stereotypes, many homeless people are women with children. They are not drug-dealing bums on the street.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness reports, on their website, that the fastest growing number of homeless people are families with children. The average homeless family consists of a young, unmarried mother with two or three small children. Many are escaping domestic abuse.

There are many reasons why someone might become homeless. These include not being able to afford housing, low income, and not having services needed to overcome personal obstacles.

It would be great if everyone could contribute just a little time or money to a homeless shelter or food pantry. A simple idea would be to drop off food or clothing. This is especially helpful in the coming winter months. However, hunger and homelessness are year-round problems. People aren't homeless only during the holidays. So, if you can, please help.

K. Heaton is a Voice Columnist

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The legendary Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine chose this Peter Brook-directed play as their swan song. It is a complex and ultimately disturbing, tragicomedy about the failings of the human heart, about justice and mercy, about greed and corruption. Chosen the best foreign play upon its American debut in 1959, The Visit continues to resonate today, speaking to the excesses and the failings of our time.

Two-member band offer a good scare

MARK HITE

Dark, seductive, and alluring...these are all words that can describe the new effort from Snake River Conspiracy, "The Sonic Jihad."

The band, (who hail out of the Bay Area), consists of two people, female vocalist Tobey Torres and producer/musician Jason Slater.

Two people may not seem like a lot for a band. However, SRC puts out the same amount of stellar production that some bands featuring four or more people do if not more.

Torres, who is guaranteed to be the cause of naughty Goth fantasies everywhere, is the duo's leather wearing mistress behind the mike. Torres began her journey into music when she was only a teenager singing in several different cover bands. At times her voice can be a soft pillow of sounds that you will want to lay your head on. However, seconds later she will rip you apart with her screams of aggression and torment. Her style blends well with the production and song writing of Jason Slater.

Slater, who was an original member of Third Eye Blind, adds the perfect backgrounds which are a wide array of sounds. However, a good part of "Sonic Jihad" revolves around NIN Broken (esq) muffled guitar work mixed with an impressive amount of sampled music/sounds. Slater said he has used a wide mix of instruments and musical influences. Some of these influences include Led Zeppelin, Skinny Puppy, AC/DC, Mr. Bungle, Too Short and most recently, Britney Spears.

"The Sonic Jihad" is truly a display of the wide amount of influences used by the band. However, instead of copying the styles used by others, SRC steps out and tries things musically that often can't be grouped into any genre at any given moment.

The first song "Breed" proves to be the most freaky track which literally opens the door to the dark themes you will find on the CD.

The music used in "Breed" will raise the hair on back of necks everywhere. The gloomy background, which will make listeners think of an evil villain stalking his prey, is constant and mixed with a looped synthesizer beat. Torres croons out the vocals in a seductive low-key voice. The last part of the song features the sampled sounds of a baby crying which is distorted leaving the listener with a strong scare at the end.

The next couple songs mix elements of hip-hop and Chemical Brothers (esq) electronic work. However, the band progresses to a heavier industrial sound near mid disc with the song "Oh Well". Torres cuts through libidos everywhere with a seductive vocal performance whispering lyrics like "I find it hard to be a very caring person/I knew you'd understand" into the listener's ear. This is interrupted by her screams of "Oh Well" that will make the strongest of folk cower in fear.

The song "Somebody Hates You" is a parody of the glitzy and glam of rock scene. Slater mixes an up-tempo party song with a heavy repetitive guitar riff while Torres sings out sarcastic lyrics like "This is the coolest party that I've been to/
Shake your hand and kiss your ass/Won't join the other fools".

The song "Vulcan" has a video in both explicit and censored version. The song is a virtual bitch slap to one of Torres enemies. She literally spews out venomous lyrics like "I'm sucking on your life just like the hole you're living in." Keep in mind that this is one of the kinder lyrics you will find in the song.

These are just some of the wide array of songs you will find on SRC's debut album "Sonic Jihad." Right now, the band is on the "Bush and Gore 2000 Industrial Not Political Tour" with an impressive array of other industrial acts such as Rosarch Test, November 17, and Bile.

SRC is one of the many bands that are using the dark and twisted sounds of industrial in their music. In the past, industrial has always been a platform for experimentation and the mixing of several different styles and sounds.

SRC continues that theme while adding their own twist to it. "The Sonic Jihad" may prove to be an acquired taste however it is bound to keep a decent amount of fish net wearing folk smiling for a long time.

I Will Be There For You

By: Magaly Santana

As long as the wind blows, tickling my skin, As long as there are men committing sin, And as long as treasures of life lies within
I will be there for you.

As long as sad emotions can be followed with a small, wet tear, As long as whispers and shouts are the same to hear, And as long as the world is dominated by fear I will be there for you.

Whenever gray clouds attack the blue sky, Whenever abuse leaks out a cry, And whenever a baby bird learns how to fly I will be there for you.

Whenever the sun shines and begins to set, Whenever reflected waters continue to be wet, And whenever someone is introduced, a friendship is met I will be there for you.

Even if happiness fall onto the ground, Even if a new pain is found, And even if lifeless spirits taunt you with no sound I will be there for you.

Even if you lack power to keep up the pace, Even if you never put a smile on your face, And even if you hold no effort for an embrace I will be there for you.

As long as stars continue to shine, As long as grapes dance around a vine, And as long as children continue to whine I will be there for you.

Now, if the apocalypse had begun, If you were alone with the need for someone, And if you were not satisfied with what you have done I will be there for you.

Now, if you are left behind, With nowhere to run, nowhere to find And solitude scares you mind... I am still here for you.

"Say What?" Karaoke draws 200 plus

BY JESSICA NORDEN
VOICE STAFF

Over two hundred people packed Dever Auditorium to catch WSC's Say What? Karaoke on Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00pm. The emcee of the night was none other than Carmella Rossamando, general manager of WSKB radio station.

The show opened up with Maggie Smith and Chris Ward both members of CAB, along with the members of CAB, with their rendition of Grease's "Summer Nights". Carmella Rossamando then announced the prizes for the winners. For the third place winners, there was a $25 gift certificate to Applebee's and a Violation CD. The second prize, was a $50 gift certificate to Applebee's, and a violation CD. The first place winners, a limo ride to New York City and tickets to the "Conan O'Brien show."

The judges of the show were Professor Kim Tobin of the Criminal Justice department for overall performance, Professor Chris Slaughter of the Theatre Arts on accuracy, and Junior Delgado, from Career Services, on style.

In the first round, for the first act there was Brian Burke, Stephen Ritson, and Bill Gain performing "Rapper's Delight." Their performance was well rehearsed, very funny, and they had good choreography. The received a perfect score of 10 per judge for their performance.

For the second act of the night, Ben Hevey performed "Strokin'". It was a funny song, a great performance, and very funny. He received an 8 from each judge.

The third act was Kevin Murray, Nick Gengarelly, and Josh Adams singing "Glory of Love." They had a hilarious performance with great accessories, and got the entire room up clapping. They received a 9 for style, a 10 for accuracy, and a 9 for overall performance.

Magaly Santana performed "I Will Survive" for the fourth act of the night. Her beautiful voice, good dancing, and great costume captured the audience. She received 9's for both style and accuracy and a 10 for overall performance.

The fifth act was Megan Wilson and Debbie Menard singing "Bye, Bye, Bye." They had great dancing, good singing, and a great song choice. They received an 8 for style, a 10 for accuracy, and a 9 for overall performance.

Sasha Gonzalez, Tiffany DoVale, and Scana DuPlessis sang, "I'm So Excited." They had great costumes, excellent choreography, and a perky, upbeat performance. They received a 10 for style, a 9 for accuracy, and a 9 overall. Brian Scott was up next singing "Sweet Lady". He had a good voice.

The final performance of the first round was Kristin Fehlau and Angela LaPiere performance. They received 10's from the three judges.

Crosby, and Amy Cloutier sang "The Hardest Part of Breaking Up(Is Getting Back Your Stuff). They had excellent choreography, a very funny performance, and great singing. They received a 9's for style and accuracy, and a 10 for overall performance.

The three finalists were chosen by a round of applause, due to ties with four of the groups. During the break, the Dance Club performed for the first time this year, and the break-dancers performed even more spectacular stunts.

For the final round, Brian Burke, Stephen Ritson, and Bill Gain wore dresses and performed YMCA. They did an excellent job with singing, considering they had not rehearsed the song before.

They received 10's for all three categories. Brian Scott wore a hat and a sack vest while singing "Friends In Low Places". While he did not know this song, he did a superb job and got the whole audience clapping. He received 10's for style and overall performance, and a 9 for accuracy. Magaly Santana performed "Like A Virgin". She had a great performance, good outfit and great singing. She received 8's in all three categories.

The third place winner was Magaly Santana, the second place winner was Brian Scott, and the first place winners were Brian Burke, Stephen Ritson, and Bill Gain. This event had a great turnout and everyone had a lot of fun.

Photo taken by Kay Saltmarsh.

Winners of "Say What" Karaoke.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Jim Cartier

JED DION
A&E EDITOR

WSKB brings you Jim Cartier every Tuesday night from 4 pm to 6pm. On this show one will hear a wide variety of music ranging from the Chemical Brothers to Bad Boy Bill to Guster to Moby.

Cartier, a Sophomore majoring in Mass Communications, started doing a show during his second semester as a Freshman.

"I DJ in my hometown for weddings and dances and being a DJ is what I want to do after graduation," said Cartier.

With his sidekick DJ Hildildo, Cartier did a show similar to his current one.

"Like last year, I play a wide variety of music because when I used to listen I didn't feel like there was much of a variety in the shows. I kept hearing the same stuff," said Cartier.

Different from his show as a Freshman is the fact that Cartier now does his show alone.

"The show used to be a little wackier because the two us would talk and stuff," said Cartier.

Cartier likes to play music that he enjoys, but also takes a lot of requests.

"I usually get a lot of requests during my show," said Cartier.

Besides doing a radio show Cartier is also actively involved with the intramurals the college has to offer. Softball, Ultimate Frisbee and Flag Football are a few of the sports Cartier likes to play.

"I also like to party and go to clubs. I pretty much do whatever. I also like to go to the gym," said Cartier.

Cartier was taken by surprise by a group of French speaking non-students one evening, claiming it was French week and they had permission to hit the airwaves. Cartier had to teach the group how to use the equipment and then just sat back and let them go to it.

"It was really weird," said Cartier.

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Joe Skahan punk/ska 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Nate Germain new 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Chris & Matt punk 8-10am		
Stephani Poole new 10-12pm	Andy Lamica new 10-12pm	The Duck & Venus 10-12pm	Brian Harmon ska/punk 10-12pm	Steve Camera punk 10-12pm	Joe & Katie new 10-12pm	Amanda & Holly new 10-12pm
Scott Toomey 12-2pm	Brian Mazzone 12-2pm	Michelle & Jeff 12-2pm	Nathan 12-2pm	Mike Berman 12-2pm	Bob, Corey & Brenda 12-2pm	Nick 12-2pm
Matt & Justin hip-hop/80's rock 2-4pm	Jon & Jon new & retro 2-4pm	Melissa & Kelly 2-4pm	Cyclone J & Andrea: New 2-4pm	Kevin & Bobb new 2-4pm	Amy & Andrea 2-4pm	Mike & Jeff jazz 2-4pm
Mike and Dave punk 4-6pm	Jim Cartier new 4-6pm	Kay Saltmarsh mix 4-6pm	Dj Radio talk/music 4-6pm	Eileen2 celtic 4-6pm	Bob & Matt new 4-6pm	Music For Your Mind 4-6pm
Melissa Saporetti 6-8pm	Ska/Punk & Other Junk 6-8pm	Warhead Show w/ Jeff Carter 6-8pm	Mark Hite metal 6-8pm	Andy Clark metal 6-8pm	Mike Dion new 6-8pm	DJ Rompa techno 6-8pm
Wes & Charles hip-hop 8-10pm	Mike, Chris, Laurel & Jeff 8-10pm	Smike & Kyle punk 8-10pm	Josh Thomson ska/punk 8-10pm	April Bak new/loud 8-10pm	Saturday Night Live in the Ely Campus Center. Check it out from 8-12am Prizes!	Time Warp to the 80's 8-10pm
Everyone Loves Emo 10-12am	Andy McArdle 10-12am	Shawn & Martin electronic 10-12am	Laurie, Courtney and Christie 10-12am	James & Mike 10-12am		Lamont Stockey hip-hop 10-12am
Tim & Amy electronic 12-2am	Dave, Stephan & Greg 12-2am	Mike & Christian 12-2am	Kim & Katey new 12-2am	Steve Knachel 12-2am	Blake & Ryan 12-2am	Mark, Kevin & Shannon 12-2am

Jeff's Cinema Scoop

JEFF CARTER

Hi everyone, I hope you all survived last week without a Cinema Scoop column.

You can all stop crying now, I'm refreshed and back with more Hollywood Hijinx. Please, seriously stop crying. Everything's going to be all right.

I'd like to start things off this week by saying that cable modems absolutely rule the Earth. If you live in the right area, and you have an extra 40 bucks a month to blow, a friendly cable guy will come to your house, install a doohickey to your computer, run a coaxial cable (just like the one for your TV) into it, and voila! You have the Internet screaming into your house, running about a zillion times faster than a phone modem. Web pages load almost instantaneously, and best of all, you can download songs from Napster and huge movie trailer files in mere minutes! However, just like Peter Parker had to learn when he became Spider-Man, with great power comes great responsibility.

The same can be said for this blazing fast Internet connection. You must use its great powers wisely and never for evil purposes. You should avoid the Dungeons & Dragons movie trailer (which is online right now through www.aint-it-cool-news.com) like the bubonic plague. After witnessing this hideous celluloid aberration, I wanted to run screaming from the room. Why you ask? Ok, I'll tell you, but you were warned.

First off, this is a movie based on a ROLE- PLAYING GAME. Not a video game, not an old television show, but a ROLE-PLAYING GAME. You know what I'm talking about here. Four of five dateless 14 year olds huddled around piles of Doritos, rolling multi-sided dice, and saying things like "I rolled a 18 on my 36 sided die! My mage reaches the 9th level and destroys the dragon! Ha ha!" Yeah, that Dungeons & Dragons.

Secondly, you can tell how far an actor or actress has fallen from grace by how eager they are to pick up a fat paycheck by appearing in a travesty such as this. Case in point, *American Beauty's* Thora Birch plays a character who has "Queen Amidala" rip-off written all over her, and well-respected (until now) actor Jeremy Irons (no, that's not a typo) plays the evil sorcerer.

Third, the special effects seen in the preview look like the greatest Playstation 2 game ever. Fine for playing video games, but in a movie they are just plain awful. Finally, I have two words for you: Marlon Wayans. Need I say more?

A few little complaints and observations. Folks, please, I implore you, TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES WHEN YOU GO TO THE MOVIES! It's not a big deal, just press the "off" button before you enter the Cineplex. This will prevent you from being embarrassed, and more importantly, not distract the people around you who are trying to enjoy the film. That is, unless you're one of those Bud Light "Wassup" guys. Then it's cool.

I recently saw the trailer for the straight-to-video release *Botman Beyond: Return of the Joker*, and I was blown away. This movie should be shown on the big screen before a mass audience. Just from the preview, you can see it's heads and shoulders above most of the schlock Hollywood pumps into the cinemas (Lost Souls anyone?).

I'm going to sum up Charlie's Angels in nine words, ready? Boobs, hair, explosions, butts, and more boobs. The end. Truly a horrifying movie experience. Save your eight bucks and watch the original *Angels* on TV Land.

Have you noticed the multiplexes are starting to slip TV commercials in before the movie starts? What the hell is that? I already have to put up with parking, long lines, surly cinema employees, outrageous snack bar prices, and obnoxious beeper/cell phone jockeys. I don't need to see a Mountain Dew ad!

Can someone please tell me what the hell Adam Sandler's new movie *Little Nicky* is supposed to be about? You certainly wouldn't know by watching the trailers. All I have gleaned from them is that there's a talking bulldog (always funny), Harvey Keitel is the Devil, and Sandler was kind enough to give Ellen Cleghorne a job.

The latest casting rumors on the Scooby-Doo live action movie have Freddy Prinze Jr. (*Down to You, I Know What You Did Last Summer*) as Fred, Sarah Michelle Gellar (*Cruel Intentions, Buffy the Vampire Slayer*) as Daphne, and Christina Ricci (*Sleepy Hollow, The Addams Family*) as Velma. Yikes. What's next, Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, Ryan Phillipe, and Gweneth Paltrow as Smurfs?

You know, that Smurfs movie I thought up above just might work if they cast John Malkovich as Gargamel and Sean Connery as Papa Smurf. Or maybe not. Suggestions?

That's all for me boys and girls. Make sure you strap yourself to the keyboard sometime soon and send me an e-mail at jeffcart23@aol.com. See you next week.

-Jeff Carter is a Voice Columnist

Bright
By: DJ
Luminescent and warm
comfortable and soft
I am teased by reality
and happy in illusion.
My truth is hidden
in these true words spoken
My reason for caring
and making my time
is done for the sole reason
to savor a single glance...
just one look, taste all I love
It makes my day
a shining moment in time

Contact
By: DJ
A connection is made
the colors mix
then closer and more
there is a flurry
then it goes faster
and when it is done
concentration is gone.

Straight from the Source

WES JACKSON

What's up WSC? Hey, this is two weeks in a row for me doing a "Straight From the Source" column. That is a record for me this semester, but I told you that I would try to stay constant with these each week. Well here goes the latest news in hip-hop "Straight From the Source."

A group from back in the day will be reuniting to bring back their old mix of hip-hop, soul, blues and Sly Stone-inspired funk. The Atlanta based group Arrested Development is putting the finishing touches on a new album entitled "The Heroes of the Harvest." The album is expected to be released early next year on an as-yet-unnamed label. The entire group is back except DJ Headliner and Taree (if you remember those two people you have a great memory).

WILL WHOEVER HAS SLIM SHADY'S NOTEBOOK PLEASE STAND UP? It has been reported that Eminem has lost a notebook that contains all the lyrics to his group D-12's upcoming album. It is also being reported that he is offering a cash reward or even a chance to meet him in exchange for its return. The last time the spiral notebook was seen was on Friday during a Delta AirLines flight from Cincinnati to New Orleans. Let me tell you what the notebook looks like just in case you know someone on the Internet or something that may know of its whereabouts.

It is a normal spiral notebook with a lot of lyrics inside and, get this, it has a picture of Britney Spears on the cover. I guess that is how he gets all of his aggression towards her to surface. Why is this notebook so important, you ask? Well it goes like this; not one of those songs inside that notebook have even been recorded yet and if not found could delay the release of the album, which is supposed to be in March or April. So again if you even happen to have a pen-pal, Internet love, e-mail friend or whatever that may know where this notebook is, Eminem is asking that you either call 1-888-311-4343 or send an e-mail to found@eminem.com.

Death Row Records co-founder Marion "Suge" Knight is expected to be released from prison in April. Suge has served about four years of a nine-year prison sentence because of his involvement in a brawl that took place in the lobby of Las Vegas' MGM Grand Hotel. Suge was on probation for assaulting two rappers at the time of this incident and was caught on videotape kicking Los Angeles resident Orlando Anderson.

The reason that Suge is eligible to be released from prison is because California law states that prisoners are eligible for early release after they serve at least half of their sentence, have good behavior and if they work or attend school while in prison. All I have to say is to all rappers, "BEWARE! DEATH ROW COULD BE UP TO NO GOOD IN APRIL!"

Last week, Limp Bizkit announced that they would be adding some dates to the Anger Management Tour in order to do more shows with DMX, Godsmack, and Sinistarr. The first leg of the tour, which features Limp Bizkit along with Eminem, Papa Roach, and Xzibit, will wind down November 21. The second leg of this tour will officially start November 24 at the Great Western Forum in Los Angeles. The Anger Management Tour will be coming very close to here on December 9 when it will hit the Civic Center in Hartford, CT.

Despite a number of skirmishes that occurred Thursday night, the annual Blaze Battle MC championship came to a peaceful conclusion. I will not reveal the winner until November 25 so that there will be something for you to see when HBO shows the event as part of a special. I can tell you that Jive, Rawkus and Priority Records are looking at the winner. Bad Boy Records has also expressed interest.

Among the performers were Mystikal, Shyne and Black Rob. During his performance, Shyne got into a fight with one of the audience members when the onlooker decided to hurl at helmet a Shyne. Shyne then left the stage, entered the crowd, and got into a bit of a skirmish, which lasted only about a minute. After that, Shyne returned back onstage, yelled some obscenities at the crowd members he had the skirmish with, and launched into a performance with Black Rob. A spokesperson for the event said that at least two other fights broke out over the course of the night, including one when a female contestant headed into the crowd after she was booed off the stage. But Blaze Battle became calm after the host and legendary KRS-One noted to the crowd that MC battles grew out of the need to avoid violence in resolving conflicts. I just wish that he could have said those same words a few years ago before we lost two other legendary MC's to violence due to lyrics. R.I.P PAC and BIG.

Well, that's all for me this week. Make sure to read next week so I can tell you about the rumor I found that says MTV has bought BET and much more. So until then......ONE LOVE!!

-Wes Jackson is a Voice

How do you feel about the accuracy of standardized testing?

"I THINK STANDARDIZED TESTING IS POINTLESS. IT DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING."

Megan Barry
Mass. Communications
2003

"THEY ARE TOO MUCH PRESSURE. I HATE THEM."

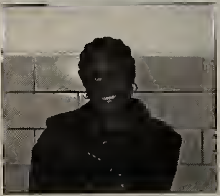
Eddie Osgood
Criminal Justice
2004

"I DO NOT BELIEVE IN IT. I THINK IT LIMITS OUR EDUCATIONAL PROCESS."

Jon Pennington
Undeclared
2004

"I DON'T AGREE WITH IT. CHILDREN SHOULDN'T BE EVALUATED BY ONE TEST."

Kristy Engdahl
Ed/sociology
2001



"THEY ARE BIASED. TEACHERS SHOULDN'T FOCUS ON JUST THE TESTING."

Lisa Marrow
Ed/Libral studies
2001

"TESTING IS FINE AS LONG AS IT'S NOT THE ONLY WAY WE JUDGE HOW MUCH STUDENTS LEARN."

Professor Raker
Education

-Compiled by Megan Meehan

WSC Mock Elections

2000

200 Total Ballots

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES:

Al Gore (Democrat) - 104
Ralph Nader (Green Party) - 36
George W. Bush (Republican) - 34
Harry Browne (Libertarian Party) - 2
Pat Buchanan (Reform Party) - 1
John Hagelin (Unenrolled) - 1
Colin Powell (Write-In) - 1

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

Question 1: Earlier redistricting for state legislator's and governor's councils. No: 69 Yes: 103

Question 2: Limits voting by incarcerated felons. Yes: 74 No:112

Question 3: Prohibits dog racing. Yes: 98 No:88

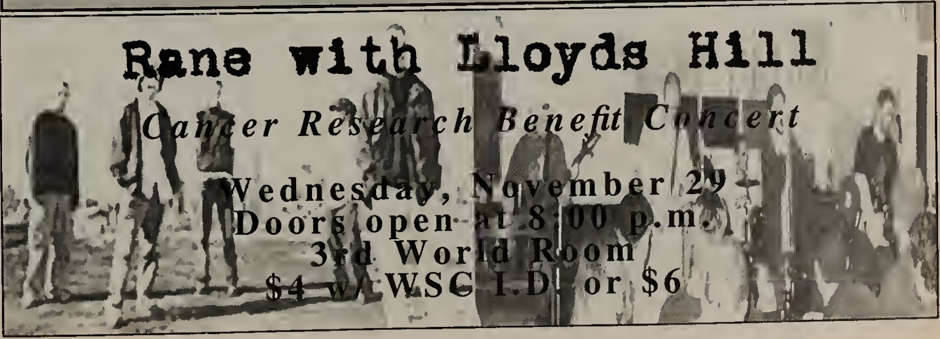
Question 4: Income tax reduction. Yes:92 No:93

Question 5: Health care insurance and health care. Yes: 132 No:53

Question 6: Tax credit for tolls and motor vehicle excise taxes. Yes: 69 No: 113

Question 7: Tax deduction for charitable contributions. Yes: 116 No: 64

Question 8: Drug dependency treatment. Yes: 117 No: 66



Rane with Lloyds Hill

Cancer Research Benefit Concert

Wednesday, November 29
Doors open at 8:00 p.m.
3rd World Room
$4 w/ WSC I.D. or $6

Attention First Year Students:

If you ordered a copy of the New Student Record and have not received it, please pick up your booklet at the Campus Center Service Window anytime Monday through Friday, 9a-4p. Be sure to bring your I.D.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at WSC

November 16 at 7:00 p.m., the Thursday before Thanksgiving.
The service will be held by three chaplains: Rabbi Gary Greene, Father Dean, and Rev. Ruth Brandon, plus students.
The entire college community is invited.
The service will be held in the Interfaith Center.

WSC Annual Turkey Drive to Benefit Needy Families

-On November 13, 14, and 15 members of the Neighborhood Association Committee w/ member of the classes of 2001 & 2002, and CAB will be collecting door-to-door in each Res. Hall. Please donate any spare change you have.

Are Those Old Clothes Cluttering your Closets and Drawers?

Beginning the week of November 27, the NAC will be sponsoring a clothing drive. The marked drop off box will be located in the Ely Campus Center. Any questions? Call SGA at 572-5429

Thanks for your help,

Rap and Comedy Night

Thursday, November 16
in the Ely Main Lounge

-Comedians Brian Apprille and Marshall Brandon 9 p.m.
-Rap Artist Scully 10 p.m.

Equestrian Club

Thanksgiving Candy Grams
Door-to-Door
on Monday, November 13.
$1 each

Commuter Council Update

-The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater tickets are on sale now at the teller window for $10 per person. It will be held on Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 in the Scanlon Living Room. There will only be 100 tickets, so buy them soon if you would like to attend and solve the mystery. There will also be a great dinner to go along with the murder.

-The Commuter Council Logo Contest is still going on. We have extended the deadline to Friday, December 8. You can win a cool prize if your logo is chosen as the winner. Entries can be submitted to the Commuter Council Office in Ely 147. If no one is in the office, drop your entries through the mail slot.

-The First Annual Commuter Week is being planned, so mark it on your calendars. The week celebrating commuters will be:

-**Sunday, December 3** - Murder Mystery Dinner Theater in the Scanlon Living Room at 6:00. Tickets are $10 and can be bought at the teller window.

-**Monday, December 4** - Commuter Breakfast in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. This is free for commuters, and there will be two seatings-9:30 and 10:30.

-**Tuesday, December 5** - Pizza Giveaway in Ely 147 (the Commuter Council Office) from 11:30 to 1:30. There will be free pizza, and the Guitar Dudes will be playing in Ely Main Lounge.

-**Wednesday, December 6** - Giveaway at the Coffeehouse at 8:00 in Ely Main Lounge. Commuters who show up will receive a free gift.

-**Thursday, December 7** - Commuter Car Fair in Ely Main Lounge from 11:00 to 4:00. There will be booths to demonstrate stretching exercises in the car, safe driving tips, neat car gadgets, and cell phones, security systems, and sound systems will be sold.

-**Friday, December 8** - Free donuts and coffee in the Taco Bell area for commuters. **Throughout the week, there will be a raffle for great prizes. Commuters will receive a free raffle ticket for each event they attend. They also have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets to increase their odds of winning! If anyone has any questions about Commuter Week, call 572-5626.

-**Tip of the Week:** If you think you are good at solving mysteries, come to the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on Sunday, December 3. If you correctly solve the murder, you get to win a prize! Tickets are on sale now.

-Colleen Fromm, Commuter Council President

Attention All Intramural Players

All Players must bring an I.D. to all Intramural Games

I.D.'s will be checked from now on...

No I.D. - No Playing -

No Exceptions.

Thank you - Intramurals x5424

Reminder:

Captains are responsible for checking schedules and informing team members when they are playing. Office WILL NOT be calling. Schedule is posted outside Ely 231

Open Gym Hours

Parenzo Gym
Mon. 12a-2a
Tue. 12a-2a
Wed. 12a-2a
Thur. 11p-2a
Fri. 6p-10p
Sat. 4p-8p
Sun. 2p-6p, 12a-2a

- Not on a team, but want to play? Call x5424
- All Schedules are posted in Ely outside Room 231. Please check the schedules DAILY for game times! If you cannot make a game you are scheduled for, you MUST notify the Intramurals office immediately! (x5424) 24 hour notice for cancelling a game or you will receive a forfeit.

5-5 Basketball will be held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights from now on.

BANACOS ROAD RACE

Saturday, November 18 at 12 PM in front of Parenzo Hall

GET THERE EARLY TO REGISTER! GET POINTS TOWARDS BANACOS CUP!

Intramural Standings

Co-ed Volleyball

Wildcats 3-0
Courtney Booty Crew 2-0
Imperial Pints 3-1
CWA 2-1
Latuian Connection 1-2
T&A 0-1
West Side RA's 0-1
Team Dunn 0-1
Wassabi 0-1
Ball Busters 0-3

5-5 Basketball

(Skilled Division)
Caucasian Mafia 1-0
Imortal Emceez 1-0
House of Pain 1-0
Airball 1-0
Golden Showers 0-1
Bad Boys 0-1
White Chocolate 0-1
Team Pig 0-1

5-5 Basketball

(Highly Skilled Division)
Sunset Bombers 1-0
16th Men 1-0
3B 1-0
CWA 1-0
Team Stewart 0-1
Supermen 0-1
Dirty Dozen 0-1
Mandelay 0-1

Men's Soccer

(Skilled Division)
Cream Team 2-0
Wassabi 0-0-1
2 in Pink 1-1-1

Men's Soccer

(Highly Skilled Division)
Goodfellas 1-0
Freshmen United 1-1
Golden Showers 1-1
Supermen 0-1

Women's Soccer

Corporate Girls 2-0
Hooters 1-1
Dickinson Chicks 1-1
Thunderbolts 1-1
WAW 0-2
Lady Raiders 0-0

Owls Fall To Worcester In Football Finale

WORCESTER - The Westfield State football team dropped a 14-9 decision to Worcester State in its season finale. The Owls finished with a 3-6 record.

Westfield stayed with the 7-2 Lancers, but the Owls were unable to capitalize on turnovers and score inside the 20.

All of the scoring for both teams took place in the first half. Westfield's John Frasco of Chicopee kicked three field goals (22, 29, 22 yards) to set a single-game school record.

The Owls recovered a Worcester fumble on the opening kickoff at the three-yard line but were unable to score a touchdown. Later in the half, Westfield recovered another fumble deep in Worcester territory on a bad center snap on a punt attempt, but the Owls had to settle for another field goal.

Westfield held Worcester minus 23 yards rushing in the game, but the Lancers were effective through the air, completing 17 of 35 passes for 249 yards. Todd Daskowski had touchdown receptions of nine and 15 yards to stake Worcester to a 14-3 lead with 14:53 left in the first half.

The Owls had several opportunties to upset the Lancers in the game's closing minutes. On a fourth-and-four situation at the Worcester 35 with 1:57 remaining, quarterback Chris Bourget caught his own passing attempt after a defender batted the ball into the air. Bourget decided to run with the ball and was stopped short of a first down by a yard.

Westfield received the ball one more time and quickly moved it to the Worcester 40, but Bourget threw an interception on a third-and-one with 34.4 seconds remaining.

Junior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield led Westfield's offense with 122 rushing yards on 24 carries. Freshman receiver Erik Consilvio had three catches for 37 yards.

Senior linebacker Ken Stewart led Westfield's balanced defensive attack with eight tackles (seven solos) and a spectacular pass interception. Back Luke Russell and lineman John Cloutier also had eight tackles and shared a sack.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - The Westfield State College women's volleyball team completed its season with a 14-15 overall record as it was defeated by Bridgewater State in the Mass. State Conference tournament in three sets. In the first row, left to right, are: Rachel Allgaier, Sarah Cormier, Tasha Goulet, Sara Woodcock, Leah Schmidt, Michelle Sanchioni. Second row: Larissa Farrell, Kalie Simlick, Jamie Peters, Sarah Lund, Kalelyn Foley, Andrea Tessier, and coach Hilary Ducharme. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Westfield State Ice Hockey Report

Nichols 5 - Westfield 1

After the Owls jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead, with a powerplay goal by senior Matt Fontaine, Nichols scored five unanswered goals on its way to a 5-1 victory over the Westfield State College ice hockey team.

Westfield State was penalized for 24 minutes. "We hurt ourselves by taking foolish penalties. It is tough to put yourself in a position to win when you are killing penalties as long as we did" said Coach Brian Ward. " We felt as though things were not going our way. I just wished that the players could dictate the game more."

Nichols went on to score three of its five goals on the powereplay. Freshman goaltender Ardian Kalezic stopped 33 out of 38 shots he faced.

WNEC 3 - Westfield 1

In a tight defensive battle, WNEC edged out the Owls, 3-1.

Westfield jumped out to a 1-0 lead going into the second period with a powerplay goal by freshman Mike Palazzola, assisted by Bobby Shaw and Brian Huggon. WNEC got the game winner from Bob St. Lawrence. WNEC also got excellent goaltending by committee, led by freshman Mike Newel, who stopped 13 shots in the third period.

" We played well enough to win. We played very solid defensively and worked very hard. We had some calls go against us in key situations, and we did not convert on the powerplay in the third period. This game has brought this young team to a different level," said Ward.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - The Westfield State College men's cross country team finished second in the Mass. State Conference championships. First row, left to right, are: Tim Smilh, Eric Flossic, Marco Iannello, Jason Pappas, Andy Krantz, and coach Bob Rausch. Second row: assistant coach Cheryl Sanlagate-Sutton, Tom Bousquet, Nik Wlodyka, Eric Nygard, Brian Church, Mike Mascio, and JimCreed. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Congratulations to Student-Athlete Advisory Board Leaders for 2000-2001
Chairs: Starr Hockenberry, Brooke Wadhams
Vice-Chairs: D.J. Conway, Alison Pratt
Next SAAB Meeting is Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m. in Ely 232

WOMEN'S SOCCER- The Westfield State College women's soccer team finished second in the Mass. State Conference during the regular season. In the first row, left to right, are: A.J. DelMonle, Jessica Silve, Megan Borsari, Erin Relm, Krisla DiCarlo, Melissa Reed, Siobhan Morris, Erin Reardon, Meghan McCenn, Jusline Crocker, Jenn Koziol. Second row: Sara Berrows, Meghan McHale, Michelle Montvitt, Calllin Bellke, Keren Chouinard, Ali Jordan, Serah Simmons, Melissa Albano, Janet Bourget, Joy Fleherty, Kelly Furlong, Tracy Peters, assistant coach Holly Maines, head coach Healher Boisvere-Langone. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

James Banacos 6.2 Mile Road Race
Saturday, Nov. 18, Noon
$10 registration fee; $6 for students
Registration begins at 10:45 a.m. at the Parenzo Hall main lobby.
Contact Lou Ann Simchak at 572-5424 for more information.

Men's Soccer Continues Dream Season

Owls Shut Out Worcester, 1-0, To Take MASCAC Championship

By Mickey Curtis, SID

WORCESTER - Senior forward Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham scored on a breakaway with exactly 20 minutes left in the game to give Westfield State a 1-0 victory over Worcester State in the championship game of the inaugural Mass. State Conference men's soccer tournament.

The Owls, 14-4 overall, earned an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament with the victory, which was their ninth straight and seventh consecutive via shutout. It will be their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1984 and their seventh overall.

Labadorf, the Owls' leading scorer, broke free when he pivoted around a Worcester State defender as senior forward Andrew Lewis of Danvers chipped him a pass. It was then a race to the ball between Labadorf and Worcester goalie Chris Couture. Labadorf beat Couture to the ball by several steps, kicked the ball over the Lancer goalie, then headed it in for the game-winning goal.

"Lewis checked the ball and turned," said Labadorf. "He knows once I start going, he's got to get it to me, because I don't have the energy to stop. So he chipped it over the top, and it was a perfect shot. It was bouncing, and their keeper came out like he's supposed to. I hit it over him, and took my time."

Worcester State, 15-5 overall, outshot Westfield, 21-14, in the fast-paced and physical match. Senior Nick Ammendolia of Acton and junior D.J. Conway again split the goal keeping duties for the Owls. Ammendolia recorded 11 saves in the first half and Conway had seven saves.

Westfield's 11 shutouts this season and seven straight shutouts are both school records.

"They came right at us late in the game. That's what great teams do," said coach Paul Whalley. "But we stayed composed, and we didn't panic."

Worcester State leading scorer Greg Bennett - the conference's Player of the Year - suffered a head injury with 30 seconds remaining in the first half and did not play the remainder of the game.

Worcester State and Westfield State shared the conference regular season title with identical 6-1 records. The Lancers defeated the Owls, -1, on Sept. 29.

"Worcester is a very good team," said Whalley. "We're very evenly matched. We just got the breaks this time."

estfield State men's soccer players celebrate winning the Mass. State onference tournament championship. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Left to right: head coach Paul Whalley, senior co-captain Karl Labadorf, senior co-captain Chris Machado, assistant coach Brian Harlow, and assistant coach Nuno Pereire accept the Mass. State Conference championship trophy following the 1-0 victory over Worcester State that earned the Owls their first NCAA Tournement appearance since 1984. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Labadorf, Lewis Lead Westfield In NCAA Tournament Opener

By Mickey Curtis, SID

BRISTOL, R.I. - The only thing narrower than the space between the goalie and the post was the margin in the presidential voting.

But Karl Labadorf again came through in the clutch as he threaded a wicked shot just inside the left post to vault Westfield State to a 3-2 victory over Roger Williams University in a first round game of the NCAA Division III men's soccer tournament Wednesday, Nov. 8.

The Owls, 15-5 and winners of 10 straight, advanced to the New England Regionals semifinals this past weekend at Middlebury College in Vermont. Westfield played Middlebury at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, followed by Williams vs. Wheaton at 1:00 p.m. Middlebury earned the No. 1 seed in the regional by stunning Williams, 1-0, in a four-overtime thriller in last weekend's conference championship. Williams had entered the game unbeaten and ranked No. 1 in the country.

Labadorf's goal, which snapped a 2-2 deadlock with 25:17 left in regulation, was his third consecutive game-winner in the postseason. The senior standout from Wilbraham used one of his trademark spin moves to get free and blast in the low liner with his left foot from 20 yards out. Assisting on the goal was sophomore midfielder Chris Whalley of Southwick.

"I think the guy defending me thought I was going to pass it, but I just made a quick move to face the goal and shot," said Labadorf. "I love those types of shots; you get the ball then "boom" - one shot."

Andrew Lewis of Danver - Westfield's other senior scoring star - gave the Owls a 2-0 lead with a pair of goals in the game's first 20 minutes.

With just under four minutes into the game, Lewis collected a header clearout by Roger Williams and drilled a shot into the left side of the net from 12 yards out. Lewis scored with 25:17 left in the first half on a breakaway, giving the Owls a 2-0 lead.

Even though Westfield had shut out its previous seven opponents, head coach Paul Whalley was not overly confident the lead was safe.

And Roger Williams proved him right as Hawk leading scorer Stuart Hulke scored twice - late in the first half on a redirect and 13 minutes into the second half on a beautiful header - to knot the score.

"No, I was not relaxed at all with a 2-0 lead," said Whalley. "And I wouldn't have been confident with a 4-0 lead either because he (Hulke) is a great player. I thought we did a good job of defending him and he still scored two goals."

The host team outshot Westfield State, 22-21. The Owls stuck with their highly successful routine of Nick Ammendolia and D.J. Conway splitting the goalkeeping duties. Both keepers recorded five saves and made several spectacular stops.

Senior standout Karl Labadorf has scored the game-winning goal in all three postseason tournament games. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

This Week's Schedule

Friday, Nov. 17
Women's Swimming
at Regis, 7:00
Women's Basketball
at Vassar Tournament
vs. William Paterson, 8:00

Saturday, Nov. 18
Women's Swimming
at Regis, 12:00
Women's Basketball
at Vassar Tournament, 1:00
Men's Basketball
at Wheaton Tournament
vs. Wheaton, 8:00

Sunday, Nov. 19
Men's Basketball
at Wheaton Tournament, 1:00

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Personals

Who are those girls who put in 50 personals a week about themselves?

Bousquet, I think you're hot!!
Love, Lauren

Meg, Jess and Christine- let's take a wine cooler break

Happy B-day Betsy!! Love your roommates

Kristel: What are you two pretty girls doing out all by yourselves here at the gas station? Do you have boyfriends??

Is Stew ready for Missy?

The girls in the 10:30 Musicianship class want Hot senior boy

I love farring! M.P.

Who wants a rim job?

2 desperate girls looking for guys that can sing. Reply to the personals

Why are all the hot girls snobs?

I'm a dude...she's a dude, you're a dude..'cause we're all dudes.

Zach, you're such a heartbreaker.

K.O.

Harder, faster please.

Slapper, keep it gay.

Steph, it's only 11 in the morning. Why are you already drunk?

Barnsey, 5-5-00
It has been a great 6 months...I love you!

Who wants to go to Six Flags in the snow?

Where's Katie?

Yankees Suck! Go Red Sox.

Chompin Down time...

The greatest pick-up lines ever were said at Kahunaville on Halloween.

We will be making 6 bills a year Carrie! Let's hope- Kell

My pookie hates me...But I love him.

Who's up for a pre-game funnel session?

Grow up! Seana's cool.

I hope it hails all weekend at the

Cape!

Andrea and Karen- don't ever cry over a boy they're never worth the tears

Chrissy, is that Scottie??

Get pumped...Battle of the Sexes November 19th

An evil petting zoo?

Put the rumors to res,t the Real #12 will return to the state ball whether he likes it or not

Mark, look up Halitosis.

Happy 20th Jess! One more year! Love, Meg, Beth, Christine, and Justine.

Happy 21st Bday Arron! I love you.

Wait, what's Frank Zappa's first name?

Hey Beth- Welcome back from Maryland..it was a long weekend without ya!-Luv Tom

Erin R. is the greatest athlete in Hampshire Regional history. It's true, it's true.

Harry Bombfire Productions

Adam C., I have the biggest crush on you-a lonely sophmore

Someone's got a crush on Chafa

M. Damaris is the cutest, coolest, hottest, most studly man on campus.

Andrea-don't bring random boys home from dances.

One's sexuality does not define their personality. Why do we make it such an issue? Who cares what one does in one's bedroom? Does it really play a major role in your life?

Why not get an independent arbitrator to settle the teacher dispute.

Thank God the 16th men killed the Enforcers, can anyone stop them?

The C suite gang really makes people feel loved on their birthday.

I am dumb.

It's so round and muscular

My bum hurts.

I have gas.

Emo isn't a type of music, it's a kind of disease.

Bye Bye Franklin it's now me and my black metal friends.

Listen to WSKB

How did you beat me here?

I hate the French.

I need to wake from this bad dream. I don't like it.

My brain is not thinking right now.

What's up with New Hampshire? They should be kicked out of New England, those f#@!s.

If Bush wins, this country is going to the crapper.

If I hear one more Bob Marley song, I am going to kill every Hippie I can get my dirty little hands on.

Thanks for the list...

I could run to the police station in less than twenty minutes.

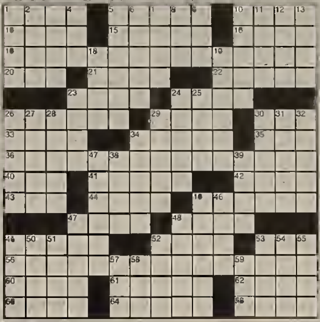
John H. is a waste of sperm.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

ACROSS
1 Manicurist's tool
5 Dairy product
10 Struck silent
14 Egyptian goddess
15 Major artery
16 Traditional knowledge
17 Cal Ripken, for one
20 Cloud's region
21 "— of the D'Urbervilles"
22 Beneath
23 Safety —
24 Flower holder
26 Middle-distance runners
29 Skin
30 Behind, on a ship
33 Actress Adams
34 Biblical mountain
35 Chinese philosopher —-tse
36 In a compassionate manner
40 Pub drink
41 Types
42 Doctor's spoonful
43 Cunning
44 Card after deuce
45 Nibbled
47 Flex
48 Shallow container
49 Take up or let out
52 Char
53 Hot spring
56 Occurring backstage
60 Level
61 Presses
62 Accompanied by
63 Bell tone
64 Wanderer
65 Fencer's weapon

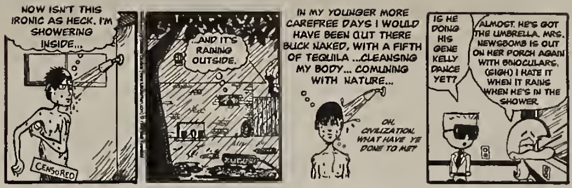
DDWN
1 White lies
2 Writer Dinesen
3 Sweet-scented flower
4 Superlative ending
5 Desert animals
6 Perch
7 Makes a mistake
8 Dined
9 — Tse-tung
10 Dress style
11 Cedar or pine
12 — Stanley Gardner
13 Venison
18 Roman road
19 Unsophisticated
23 Electronic reminder
24 Outlets
25 Asian range
26 Plateaus
27 Romantic interlude
28 British sailor
29 Reverence
30 Let
31 Bogus
32 Trifled (with)
34 Not a — of evidence
37 Behind, in a boat
38 Tattered
39 "An apple —"
45 Like a meadow
46 Undercover cop
47 Creature
48 Adolescents
49 Sleeping
50 Clothier — Strauss
51 Now and —
52 Go to the mall
53 Cut
54 Singer Seeger
55 Arthur of the courts
57 Use a spade
58 Make an effort
59 Member of the flock

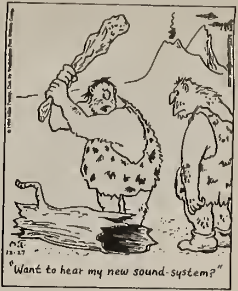
Hey kiddies!! I am back with another wanderful comics poge for yau. I need more originol comics fram you oll, sa send them in! other than that I just have ta say Hi Melissa, ok bye.

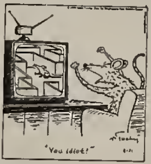


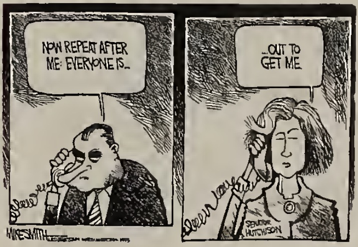
FLASH GORDON
THE STORM SETS OFF A TERRIBLE ROCKSLIDE!
MEANWHILE, AT THE COLONISTS' SHIP
I HOPE YOU'LL FIND THIS COMFORTABLE
I'M SURE MR GORDON WILL BE BACK SHORTLY
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, DALE
BUT I DON'T TRUST THEM!

DUE TO YOUR INCOMPETENT HANDLING OF THE WACO RAID WERE LETTING YOU GO NOW HAND OVER YOUR GUN, YOUR BADGE AND YOUR...
ATF
SECRET DECODER RING
ATF
MIKESMITH


NOW ISN'T THIS IRONIC AS HECK. I'M SHOWERING INSIDE...
CENSORED
...AND IT'S RAINING OUTSIDE.
IN MY YOUNGER MORE CAREFREE DAYS I WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT THERE BUCK NAKED, WITH A FIFTH OF TEQUILA ...CLEANSING MY BODY... COMUNING WITH NATURE...
OH, CIVILIZATION, WHAT HAVE YE DONE TO ME?
IS HE DOING HIS GENE KELLY DANCE YET?
ALMOST. HE'S GOT THE UMBRELLA. MRS. NEWSBOMB IS OUT ON HER PORCH AGAIN WITH BINOCULARS. (SIGH) I HATE IT WHEN IT RAINS WHEN HE'S IN THE SHOWER.

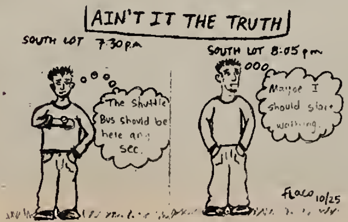

"Want to hear my new sound-system?"

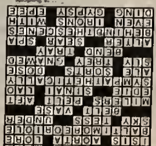

"You idiot!"


NOW REPEAT AFTER ME: EVERYONE IS...
...OUT TO GET ME.
SENATOR HUTCHISON
MIKESMITH

YOU KNOW YOU LIVED THROUGH THE 80'S IF YOU'VE EVER USED THE "BLOWING CLEANING METHOD" TO FIX YOUR VIDEO GAME SYSTEM...

The moment I took the wedding ring, it was like I'd pulled the ripcord on an inflatable lifeboat
zzz
V.LEE


AIN'T IT THE TRUTH
SOUTH LOT 7:30 p.m
The Shuttle Bus should be here any sec.
SOUTH LOT 8:05 p.m
Maybe I should start walking.
flaco 10/25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ALE SORTS DOSE
SLY TREY GNAWED
BEND TRAY
ALTER SEAR SPA
BEHINDTHESCENES
EVEN IRONS WITH
DING GYPSY EPEE

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 11/13	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Pitch Black" and "Urban Legend"	Channels 56&57
Tue 11/14	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:30 p.m.	Winter Concert "Wind Symphony"	Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Program" and "Scream 3"	Channels 56&57
Wed 11/15	11:00 a.m.	Chair Massage Therapy	Ely Main Lounge
	3:30 p.m.	Mid-week Musicale Guest Artists The Westwind Quintet	Dever Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Ely 232
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Green Mile" and "Rules of Engagement"	Channels 56&57
Thur 11/16	3:00 p.m.	"The Problems of Lost Things" by Frederick Reiken	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:00 p.m.	Third World Presents "Soul Food Dinner"	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Hurricane" and "The Skulls"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Rap and Comedy Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 11/17	7:00 p.m.	WSC Ice Hockey vs. TBA	Amelia Ice Rink
	7:00 p.m.	Friday Night Videos: Big Mama's House, Gladiator, Mission Impossible 2, The Perfect Storm	Ely Lower Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: TBA	Channels 56&57
Sat 11/18	7:00 p.m.	WSC Ice Hockey vs. Sacred Heart University	Amelia Ice Rink
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies:TBA	Channels 56&57
Sun 11/19	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies: TBA	Channels 56&57

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Weekend Programming Committee praised by other schools

By Susie Barroso
Voice Reporter

One afternoon this past summer, a student from Fitchburg State College called our SGA office and spoke with Maggie Smith, the chair of the Campus Activities Board (CAB). The main reason for the call was to find out more information on the Weekend Programming Committee at Westfield State College.

Smith was surprised to find that students from other colleges were admiring the Weekend Programming Committee here at WSC. "I was like, wow!" said Smith. "They heard about our committee. That's great."

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Students participated in the annual homelessness sleep-out last Wednesday . A candle light vigil was held on the Campus Green after several speakers in Wilson Hall. See story on Page 4.

Child care options for student moms

Plans for off-campus housing and on-campus child care facilities in works

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

Off-campus housing for student mothers and an on-campus child care facility are two projects that faculty, staff, administrators, and students are currently working on here at Westfield State College (WSC), and according to Anne Block, a WSC graduate and member of the committee to create the student mom's residence, "it's high time we [WSC] put the kids first."

The group home for student mothers will provide off-campus resident housing for single women with children who are students at WSC, said Joan Konefal, a WSC undergraduate student who is working on the project. She said that the residence will be "community based" and will aim to "help women achieve success and earn their baccalaureate."

Mary Friel, a Women's Studies professor and the coordinator of the student mom's housing project, said that the idea of student mom housing sprung up in discussion by students in her Family and Women's Lives course this summer. She said that the students realized the great need for this residence since there are many single moms who have had to drop out of school or reduce their class load as a result of juggling child care and work responsibilities.

Nicole Crandall, a single mom and a former WSC student, said that she has recently had to leave school for the third time. She said that this is due to her struggle with child care and her disease, Multiple Sclerosis, (MS).

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Gay Straight Alliance is in eighth year running

Recent controversy on Coming Out Day addressed

By Jackie Stutervant
& Peter Costas
Voice Reporters

Although facing much opposition, Westfield's chapter of the Gay-Straight Alliance is stronger than ever. The recent "Coming Out Day" held by the GSA had much controversy, but support for this group was 24 people strong at their most recent meeting.

The GSA is an organization open to all students, faculty, and staff members that addresses gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues. The group's main goal is to create a safer environment for students of different sexual orientation at Westfield State College. The GSA is in its eighth year running. It is run by student coordinators Matty Warner, Lisa Edwards, and Mary Bazemore, all seniors here at WSC.

"The organization is a group like many others on campus: different people who have an interest in these specific topics and activities pertaining to human rights. The group goes on trips, plans events, and holds informational meetings," Warner said.

The meeting held last Wednesday in the Private Dining Room was held to discuss topics affecting the GLBT community. All faculty, administration, and staff were invited, with over 500 invitations being sent

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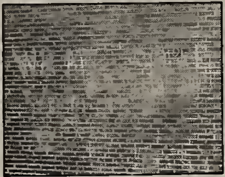

-Photo by RJ Burgess III

GSA chalk was washed away by orders of WSC administration, but some still remained, though it was unreadable.

Largest cast in 4 years for 'Visit'

Seniors West and Lafleur say working with large cast has been difficult

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

The cast of this semester's theatre production will be performing Friedrich Duerrenmatt's 'The Visit' from November 28 through December 2. According to the director, Jack Shea, this play contains the largest cast in 4 years for the theatre department here at Westfield State College.

Jenny Lafleur, who plays the lead female role of Claire, said that the play was a little nerve-racking at first because of how large the cast is. "I was very nervous at first because of the size of the cast, but everyone here has pulled together and worked really hard," said Lafleur.

Steve West, who plays the lead male role of Anton Shill, agreed with Lafleur that the larger the cast is, the more effort involved. "This is the largest cast that I have ever worked with and it has been quite a challenge," said West.

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Seniors Steve West and Jenny Lafleur have the lead roles in this year's theatre production 'The Visit.'

However, members of the cast still feel that being a large cast, just makes it better. "I'm very excited for the play because this is the biggest show that we've ever put on, with the largest cast," said Jen Robbins, who plays the role of Frau Schill.

"We have all spent a lot of hours on this play," said Julia Santa-Barbara, who plays the role of Lobby." We are all very excited."

According to Shea, the play is very funny, but also very dark. "It is about the failures of the human heart and man's ability to justify and rationalize his most heinous acts," said Shea.

Amanda Jenkins, who plays the role of Pastor, said that the play reflects our current day and age. "The themes grappled with in the play are extremely pertinent to today's society," said Jenkins.

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Voice of the Week

Check out Steve West, the male lead in this semester's theatre production 'The Visit.' Actor, rockclimber, and snowboader, this guy does it all.

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Nation

Find out what's new with Napster and if the popular Internet music source has sold out to the music industry giants.

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Public Affairs, Publications Director visits SGA, informs senators about her job on campus

Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Mandy Miranda, Student Government Association President, welcomed Jeanne Julian, Director of Public Affairs and Publications, as the speaker last week. Julian said that the Public Affairs and Publications committee "handle all of the news and media for the college." Julian went on to say, "We write news releases and respond to media inquires." Public affairs and publications are "always looking for groups and activities to report on" to show the "neat, interesting, and fun things on campus." Julian and her committee are the publishers of "Focus Magazine," a publication that is sent to students' homes that talks about things going on at Westfield State College.

Miranda also said that "Dr. [Joseph J.] Hanrahan, [SGA advisor], won't be back for the rest of the semester." Also, the "all I want for Christmas campaign is now underway." This charity campaign provides holiday assistance to Head Start families within the greater Westfield area. Some activities to help this charity get many donations during this holiday season are a coffeehouse on December 6 and a toy donation drop box. At the coffeehouse donations of gifts, money, and other items will be accepted and the WSC student who gives the largest contribution will receive a $25.00 gift certificate to Applebee's.

Shalimar Colon, SGA Student Trustee, announced the mock election results held on campus. Al Gore won hy a landslide, and Colon responded, "So we know how this campus stands."

Jon Conlogue, Director of Residential Life, said, "Suites may not be offered next year." This situation provoked many questions, comments, and complaints from the SGA board of senators. Maggie Smith, SGA Vice-President of Programming, made a point that maybe if the school does not accept as many students, there would be more room on campus and less conflict regarding elimination of suites. Another senator brought up the idea of a hall for all first-year students. Conlogue said that in past experiences, an entire hall made up of first year students doesn't always work.

Jon Elwell, President of Dickinson Hall and representative for food service committee, said there was a comment card received that a student received "a raw chicken finger." Elwell ensured that all chicken served on campus is precooked. A senator asked if it was possible "to keep the orange juice machine on all day." This question comes up every year, and "since the orange juice is 100% juice, it would be too expensive to keep the machines on all day."

Smith, announced that members of the Campus Activity Board went to NACA last week. Smith said, "We won two awards." Smith and the members of CAB were announced as the SGA senators of the week. Smith also clarified a problem in last week's issue of "The Campus Voice" regarding the attendance of "Say What?" WSC Karaoke. It was said, "Over two hundred people packed Dever Auditorium to catch WSC's "Say What?" Karaoke. Smith said that "Over 500 people were in attendance. That's about 25% of the school."

Colleen Fromm, Commuter Council President, announced that tickets to the "Murder Mystery" are now on sale. Tickets are only $10 and include food and entertainment. Fromm said to "get your tickets now."

-Photo by Kay Sallmarsh

Jean Julian if Public Affairs spoke at last week's SGA meeting.

GSA recognizes that harassment, discrimination occur on campus

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out, according to Warner.

One issue addressed at the meeting was that of Public Safety. One of the GSA's primary goals is to "make an attempt to ally ourselves with public safety," Warner said. "Some [members of the GLBT community] have attempted to report what they perceived to be a crime, but is not considered so by law in Massachusetts, so nothing can be done about it...We're trying to include verbal assault as a recognizable offense," Warner added.

"Harassment and discrimination do happen on this campus," Edwards said. "It is something that happens every day. Many think that discrimination doesn't happen, but it does. It's something we, as people, shouldn't have to deal with."

"There is such a prevalent usage of terms such as 'gay' and 'queer.' It's an all-purpose put-down. People who use it really need to examine how they're using it," Edwards said.

"People don't realize or think that there might be someone [who is] gay in the room who hears it, Maddy Cahill, faculty advisor for the GSA added. "You could be distancing yourself from a friend," Bazemore said.

Other topics up for discussion were that of incorporating Gay-Lesbian issues into Westfield's curriculum, conducting an open forum about GLBT issues, and ways to effectively involve the campus community.

Warner was pleased with the turnout for the evening. "Tonight was the most invigorating experience I've had with the GSA this year."

The GSA was also involved in the controversial "Coming Out Day," on October 11 this year. This event was held to make students aware of issues faced by GLBT students here at Westfield. Chalk was used on buildings and sidewalks to spread messages encouraging diversity. These messages were erased by the custodial staff, because it was in violation of a campus code saying that chalk is not permissible by any group in certain areas of the campus.

Curt Robie, the Director of Facilities and Operations, said that neither the Facilities and Operations Department nor the advisor to the group were informed about the use of chalk on campus. Robie said he saw the event as an unfortunate misunderstanding. "Every group has a right for expression, but it needs to be in the right medium at the right time," Robie said. Warner said that the messages, which were made with washable chalk, weren't washed away. "They tried to blur our message. The chalk is still there—but no one's out there trying to clean it."

The GSA is currently trying to set up an office in Dickinson Hall, to be used as a future meeting place and to hold their library for GLBT materials. The group currently meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 in Ely 232. The reference materials are available to all students, staff, and faculty.

From the Editor's Desk

Yes, rape does occur at Westfield State College, and more often than you might expect. It's kept a hush-hush topic by the powers that run this higher educational 'business' because if the actual risk of sexual assault were reported to prospective students and parents at Wednesdays at Westfield, it might hamper the college's annual revenue. But can you really blame the Public Relations think tanks at WSC for doing what every other college in the nation is doing: selling their institution to ensure the monetary capital they need to keep their jobs?

No, you can't believe everything that you read and I have not studied the Voice's Police Logs this year, but I think it's safe to say that rapes are occurring more regularly than the public is aware of. One student was so appalled by the lack of interest in the subject that she wrote us an editorial pleading for the campus to do something about raising awareness, which you can read for yourself on page eight. If you believe that the Police Log contains 100% of the rapes and sexual assaults that occur on camps, think again.

The Campus Voice is mailed a copy of the Police Log, compiled by Public Safety each week. We merely reproduce that document where there's room for it. In fact, studies show that most forcible rapes (including date rapes) and sexual assaults are not reported to the authorities. What you're seeing in the Police Log are the number of people that call in to Public Safety to report crimes and we recreate those calls in the form of a 'Log.'

How accurate are these numbers? In the recently released annual Public Safety report, which is now required by law, they reported that only 3 forcible rapes and no sexual assaults occurred in 1999, only 2 rapes and 1 sexual assault occurred in 1998, and just 2 rapes and 3 sexual assaults occurred in 1997. You can judge for yourself if rapes and sexual assaults are up this year just by thumbing through the Police Log, and I am curious to see what these numbers will add up to in next year's annual report.

Why aren't these rapes and sexual assaults made a bigger deal by the administration? Because like any institution, they are in the business of selling themselves to the public by showing of their best qualities while shying away from those controversial ones, just as any one of us would make ourselves look like a better candidate for a job than the competitor in any job interview.

Should the Campus Voice be addressing the situation? You bet. If the college is not going to recognize the dangers out there and instead tout themselves as the 5th safest school in the Commonwealth instead of educating their patrons, then we will. No names, no tasteless details, just facts on how you can protect yourself from an evil that permeates what we like to think of as our home away from home and safe haven. In the meantime, just be knowledgable of existing dangers and take care of yourselves as best you can.

RJ Burgess III

Benefit
Coffeehouse
Wed. Dec 6
7 p. m.
Ely Main Lounge
"All I want for Christmas"
Head Start Program
Sign up to perform
ASAP X5429

Students encouraged to submit proposals for WPC sponsorship

■ Weekends

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The Weekend Programming Committee received even more admiration from students just a few weeks ago when the Committee won the award for "Most Effective Recruitment Tool" for getting students involved. The committee won the award at the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) Regional Conference, which was held on Veteran's Day Weekend.

Colleges from all over New England attended the conference. "There were over 850 students at the conference," said Smith. "It [the Weekend Programming Committee] was the most original idea that they ever heard of."

The Weekend Programming Committee is comprised of ten people: four students from the Board of Governors (BOG), four students from the Campus Activities Board (CAB), and two advisors. Richard Walsh is the student from BOG who co-chairs the committee with Smith. Currently, there is one student seat still open from the BOG.

Barbara Hand is on the Weekend Programming Committee as an advisor representing SGA. According to Hand, the Weekend Programming Committee was started last year when President Woodward's office contributed funds. "He contributed $10,000 and suggested that SGA match funds in order to have an account established for just programs happening on the weekend," said Hand. Hand said that this encouraged students to get involved in programs over the weekend. "The Weekend Programming Committee takes proposals from students, student clubs, groups and RA's," said Hand, "and the committee reviews the proposals and decides on whether they feel as though the funds are available or the program is something they could support."

Students can pick up a proposal form in the Student Government Room or at the Campus Center service window. Hand said that the students can bring the proposal forms with them to the Weekend Programming Committee meetings, which are held on Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 p.m. in the SGA room.

"It's almost like an outreach to students who may want to see something on campus, but really aren't familiar with CAB or the Board of Governors," said Hand. Hand said that the Weekend Programming Committee started with $20,000 in the beginning of the year and about $8,000 has been used to sponsor programs such as Frank Santos, the Hypnotist who performed in Dever Auditorium in early November.

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> -Barbara Hand

According to Smith, the eight students vote on the proposals and the two advisors are available for input. Smith said most proposals for programs are approved or modified by the Weekend Programming Committee. A big key to funding programs is that "it has to be open to the whole campus community," said Smith.

Smith also said that clubs need to search for funding from the Finance Committee of SGA before looking to the Weekend Programming Committee. "This is geared mostly towards individuals who want to put on a program not like a big club, but sometimes we might be able to help them out," said Smith.

Smith said that the majority of events sponsored by the Weekend Programming Committee are cost free, while a few expensive events have a minimal admission fee. Just a few events sponsored by the Weekend Programming Committee include the Tibetan Freedom Concert, the ski trips to Killington, Vermont, and the bus trips to visit New York City. Last Thursday, the Weekend Programming Committee sponsored the two comedian rap artists from Atlanta who performed in the Campus Center.

Andy Johnson is also an advisor to the Weekend Programming Committee representing the Board of Governors. He is proud of the Weekend Programming Committee because it has been able "to empower students to give them the funds needed to do the things that they specifically would like to see happen," said Johnson. "It's not a group of eight or ten people sitting around saying 'ok, we are programming and this is what we want to do for the entire college, or this is what we want to do for ourselves.'"

Johnson said that the Weekend Programming Committee gets an average of three proposals per meeting, and last year they were able to sponsor around 15-20 events. "It would be nice to see more people come forth with ideas," said Johnson. "I would love to have so many ideas that I would have to go find more money."

President Woodward has new assistant

By Public Affairs
Special to the Voice

Barry Maloney of Westfield has been named assistant to Westfield State College President Frederick W. Woodward. Maloney, currently assistant director of Career Services for the college, is scheduled to begin his new position on Monday, Nov. 13.

"We are certainly looking forward to the talent that he will bring to the office," Woodward said. "He will work with faculty and staff to help the campus move forward. He has nine years on the campus and knows the campus well."

Maloney, who joined Westfield State as a Residence Hall Director, has a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's in Political Science and Public Management from the University of Maine.

A Springfield native, Maloney has an active interest in government and, before coming to Westfield, served as an administrative aide for U.S. Rep. Richard E. Neal when he was mayor of Springfield. He also organized an affordable housing plan and assisted in property evaluations for the Town of Middleton.

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Maloney has been president of the Westfield State College Chapter of the Association of Professional Administrators (APA), the administrators' union, since 1998. He has resigned his APA post, which will be filled by an upcoming election.

Maloney said he hopes to build on relationships he made through APA in his new position. "I will be working on projects here on campus, in Boston and in the greater Westfield community," he said.

Maloney has been active in community service. He serves as coach for freshman boys basketball at Westfield High School, as well as the Westfield Suburban Boys Basketball League and the Western Massachusetts CYO Basketball League.

Voice of The Week

Stephen E. West

POSITION AT WSC: CURRENTLY THE MALE LEAD IN THE PLAY "THE VISIT"

HOMETOWN: DUNSTABLE, MA

FAMILY: 1 BROTHER, 1 SISTER, 2 PARENTS

YEARS AT WSC: 4

HOBBIES: ACTING, ROCK-CLIMBING, WORKING OUT, BASKETBALL, SNOWBOARDING

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: THE QUALITY TEACHING

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: THE FACT THAT THE PERSON WHO TOOK MY $1.50 TOLL ON THE MASSPIKE MAKES MORE THAN MY PROFESSORS DO.

QUESTION HE MOST WANTS ANSWERED: WHAT DOES PRES. WOODWARD DO FOR A $140,000 + SALARY?

BEST DAY OF HIS LIFE: HASN'T HAPPENED YET, BUT I'LL BE SURE TO LET YOU KNOW WHEN IT DOES!

FAVORITE QUOTE: "WHO DO I HAVE TO IMPRESS? WHO COULD CARE LESS?" - MINISTRY

Compiled by Laura Gibson

Attention: The Campus Voice will not publish an issue the week after Thanksgiving break.

MassPIRG sleepout to raise homelessness awareness

By Meghan Farrell
Voice Reporter

Last Wednesday night the MassPIRG divisions of Westfield State College and Holyoke Community College sponsored a homeless sleep-out. This night began in Wilson auditorium B where several guest speakers were present.

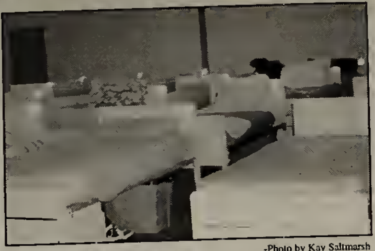
David Sharkin was a speaker from the food bank of Western MA. He said 12-15% of the people who live in Western Mass have to go to a non profit organization to get food. 75% of the people who receive this food are not homeless people.

Dorothy Pink, of Women Infants and Children (WIC) was the third speaker. She said the program provides nutrition, education, and free food to mothers who are pregnant, nursing, or have children age five and under.

Brian Sullivan was from the Samaritan Inn, a homeless shelter in Westfield, and said part of the problem may be lack of affordable housing for people.

One of the reasons the Sleepout was held was so both students and faculty have the opportunity to become aware of the fact that in one minute 80 homeless people will die. This includes men, women and even children. These presentations were followed by a candlelight vigil across the Campus Green. At this time students had the opportunity to sleep out. WSC student Emily Wilcox said, "I hope this event dispels any myths of homelessness because homeless people are real people and need to be taken care of and it can be anyone."

Eric Annarino, WSC MassPIRG Rep. stated that Mass PIRG works on hunger and homelessness because the economic boom is present, but children are hungry, people are out on the streets, and this is being covered up.



The inside of the Samaritan Inn. -Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Child care has been an issue at WSC since 1970's

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"Due to my daughter and my MS, I get exhausted form all the work I do, and then I get sick," she said.

Crandall said that if housing for student moms had existed earlier, it definitely would have benefitted her a lot. "If this program had been available before, I would have been a lot further than I am now," she said. "But now at this point, it's getting ridiculous for me...I wanted to get my degree, but now it's just impossible."

Sarah Westcott, a student mom at WSC who is working on the project, said that the idea for the student mom's residence is great. "What attracted me to it [the project] is that it would have been a great opportunity for me a few years ago," she said, explaining that she wasn't married when she first had her daughter and was trying to go to school.

Westcott said that having single moms living together would be a very positive experience for the women. "It seems like a lot of single moms don't have a network of support...It will be a positive experience...like having a bigger family," she said. Westcott also said she liked the idea of having the women residents take care of the children. "If you're living with these women, you'll most likely trust them more than a child care," she said.

Angela Webb, a freshman at WSC, is also involved with the housing project. She said even though it is an issue that doesn't personally affect her life, she just wanted to find a way to help. "It just seemed if students were behind it [the housing project], it could happen," she said.

The women who live in the home will share the daily responsibilities of cooking, cleaning, and food shopping, Friel said. The child care will also be done by the residents, she said. "Children will be cared for by residents," she said. "This component is integral to a supportive community life."

There will be requirements to live in the residence, said Friel. These will include being a sophomore or higher and having a grade point average of 2.7. "These requirements are essential for all to know that our residence is to be academically supportive so that degrees can be completed ASAP," she said.

Westcott and Crandall both agreed that the requirements were a good idea. Westcott said that the requirements would ensure that the women there would want to learn. "I think that the G.P.A. requirement is meant to be a guideline, but I'm sure it will allow for extenuating circumstances," she said.

Crandall felt that the requirements would help ensure a serious environment in the residence. "I think that it's a good idea to make sure if someone really wants it, they'll try for it," she said. Crandall also said that extenuating circumstances will most likely be taken into account.

Friel said that they are aiming to have the student mom's residence ready for Fall 2001, but right now it is still in the works. She said that feurrently, the objectives are to obtain a building or construct a building for the residence, to establish non-profit status, to find an advisory board to oversee financial and residents' accountability, to contact volunteers who will attend to furnishing and interior design of the residence, and to interview prospective residents for admission.

Friel also said that she and the other women are also in the process of doing research to use as a source showing the need for this facility. She said that they are sending out surveys and conducting interviews.

Webb said that she and the other women will also be collecting signatures for a petition. "We're going to go around door to door...and ask for people's signatures," she said. She said that the surveys will also be available in each of the buildings. They will be hung up in the hall, and students will be able to return them to the same place.

Friel said that so far, people have been very helpful in supporting this project. "Staff, students, and faculty have been supportive of this residence because they know the need," she said. "Many have offered to volunteer their services."

An on-campus daycare facility is also being planned for WSC. Jacqueline Sheehan, the Director of the Counseling Center and a member of the child care committee, said that for the past two or three years she and others have been involved in trying to get child care on campus. "There's a real need for it, especially for the students," she said.

The topic of a child care facility has come up at WSC since the late 1970's, Sheehan said. Other schools, such as Holyoke Community College and Springfield Technical Community College have on campus day care facilities, but WSC isn't the only one who has been putting other things before child care, Sheehan said, stating that it is an occurrence all over the country. "We say children are the most important thing...[but] our actions don't always agree with what we say," she said. "We tend to put children low on our priority list."

Sheehan said that an old mindset still exists which may have hindered the creation of a child care facility in the past. "I just think there are some people who think children should not be anywhere near the work place," she said. She added that it is not economically feasible to expect moms to stay at home anymore though.

Sheehan said that the facility will be able to help out students who are parents and are only able to take a few classes due to their demanding lives. "If a student here is a parent, how are they supposed to have a child, have a job, and be a student at the same time," she said. Sheehan also said that this facility would serve faculty, staff, and possibly those in the community as well.

Curt Robie, Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Operations and a new member to the child care committee, said that the plan is to build a center that would allow for student interaction since WSC has the early childhood program. This facility would include including classroom space, internship positions, and opportunities for student teaching. He said that the plan is to have "as many people on campus benefit from the facility as possible."

Robie said that the committee is just starting the process of creating the facility, but that they would like to see it done as soon as possible. He said that it is a five to seven year process to build a building though, and that "it took us well over 30 years to get to the point of building a field house."

The facility will be a costly venture, requiring approximately $1 million, Robie said. "Daycare has always been an issue of #1 funding and #2 finding space," he said. He said that they are going to have to find some grant funding and that he is now working with a couple of architects and looking at some construction types, looking at where money could be saved.

Come Learn About L.A.F.E.
(Latinos Association for Empowerment)

Please join us in discussion and in the viewing of "Los Americanos."

Dr. Nitza Hidalgo, Professor of Education at WSC, will moderate the discussion.

Monday November 27, 2000
4:00 p.m.

L.A.F.E. Office
Lower Ely Level, Adjacent to the Third World Office.

Any questions?
Call Susana @x4023

News Briefs

Russian chess dominance reconfirmed.

The long dominance of Soviet and Russian chess champions was reconfirmed Thursday night by the surprise upset of reigning world champion Garry Kasparov by one of his former students, Vladimir Kramnik, in London.

The big question at the Petrosyan club today was what happened to Kasparov, still king of the game in the eyes of many admirers. Kasparov conceded after 38 moves in the 15th game of a series that began four weeks ago, apparently too weak to continue, after four hours of intense play. The loss ended his 15-year domination of the game, which began when he, as a young man, defeated the previous champion, Anatoly Karpov.

"It was the weakest ever performance by Kasparov," sighed Sergei Smagin, director of the club and international grandmaster, who "watched" the entire match on the Internet. "Even a week ago, it seemed to me that Kasparov was in poor form. He never had this extreme emotional condition as now-his motivation wasn't the same."

"All the tournaments this year Kasparov has won," he added. "Ninety-eight percent of the experts thought he would not lose. He wasn't ill."

Another teacher at the club, Irina Umanskaya, speculated that Kasparov "was in bad form. He was just not in the best shape for this. It surprises me-Kasparov is generally a man of top physical shape and he is a genius. Of course, the game ended up with Kramnik's obvious superiority, as Kasparov was making a lot of mistakes."

Microsoft in court again

WASHINGTON - Microsoft Corp. urged an appeals court Monday to either reject requests by America Online Inc. and other groups for permission to file friend-of-the-court briefs supporting the government's position in the antitrust lawsuit or to tell them to file one joint brief.

The Department of Justice gave its blessing to all groups - supporting both sides - that sought consent. But Microsoft particularly objected to the participation of rival AOL, saying the company could offer no unique legal insight.

"AOL is hardly a "friend of the court,' " Microsoft said. "To the extent AOL has any 'unique expertise' regarding the technical issues in this case, that 'factual perspective' is already reflected in the record."

Microsoft is appealing U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's ruling that Microsoft broke antitrust law in several manners, including efforts to destroy Netscape Communications Corp. by including the Microsoft Internet browser in the monopoly Windows operating system. AOL now owns Netscape.

Microsoft also objected to a request from University of Utah professor Lee Hollaar for permission to file a brief. The software giant suggested Hollaar was collaborating with ProComp, a lobbying group of Microsoft rivals. Hollaar's brief had a document number similar to ProComp's brief.

New impacts for Napster users

By P.J. Huffstutter
Los Angeles Times

For a brief and brilliant moment last week, as Napster founder Shawn Fanning shook hands with Bertelsmann Chairman Thomas Middelhoff, the drawn-out war between the record industry and its high-tech foes seemed to reach a cease-fire.

Strange and wondrous things were sure to spring from the alliance of a music-industry giant and the brash Internet challenger. A legal, all-you-can-eat way of grabbing near-CD quality tunes off the Net appeared to be on the horizon.

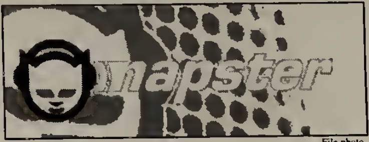
But in the days that have followed, a disquieting reality has settled in, and the historic handshake might soon be seen as little more than a photo opportunity.

This deal is not about embracing the future. For Napster, it was a bid for time. For the music industry, it was merely a cheap way to buy into a hot technology and a very hip brand.

After all, when your enemy's weapons are available at fire-sale prices, you don't have to know how to use them. You just need to own them.

Despite holding the invaluable asset of tens of millions of dedicated users, Napster sold out to Bertelsmann for a paltry sum -a loan insiders peg between $20 million and $50 million - that gives Bertelsmann an option on an estimated 60 percent equity stake in the file-sharing company. That's pocket change for a multinational corporation with revenues that topped $14 billion last fiscal year.

Monday, at the Los Angeles entertainment trade show WebNoize, Bertelsmann and Napster executives will have their first public face-off with a highly skeptical Internet industry. This crowd sees the record-industry alliance with the Internet phenomenon as generally unworkable, given current technology and the vague public promises made by the two companies.



The Napster logo.

-File photo.

Start with the business plan. Napster says it can make money by charging users only $4.95 a month, but industry analysts scoff at that saying the company will never be profitable.

Then there are the obvious hypocrisies. The company says it will develop a way to track music files, while in court it is insisting it is impossible to track such information.

And finally, there is the difficulty of convincing Net-savvy music fans to trust the record industry.

At best, the new alliance may provide a brief timeout from the lawsuits and raucous Internet protests that have so far characterized the digital-music debate. But analysts say it is only a matter of time before Napster and Bertelsmann begin to feel the strain of trying to resolve these problems.

Even now, most of the details of the deal remain unclear even to the executives involved. "We haven't figured out exactly how it looks," Andreas Schmidt, president of Bertelsmann's e-commerce group, told reporters last week. "This is a process that's evolving."

There is no question that the technology behind Napster, known loosely as "peer-to-peer," offers some very real economic benefits for record companies and corporate America in general.

"You're leveraging the cost of processing, storage and bandwidth over all your subscribers," said Kevin Smilak, chief technology officer of Scour Inc., a Napster rival. "It's great for cutting cost in the short term."

Indeed, Napster's file-sharing model - which randomly assigns people to a group when they join the service - puts much of the financial burden of storing and distributing files on users with fast connections and large libraries of music. Today, no one pays to use Napster's software or computer servers, which merely list the various computer addresses of the people who are currently sharing music files on the service.

BMG executives said they could not guarantee where the full Bertelsmann catalog would ultimately be housed. But they expect to seed the Napster community with "high-quality" copies of BMG tunes, then rely on individual Napster members to provide and store the bulk of the files.

Add to all of the other problems the issue of security.

Napster executives, saying they want to keep the free-flowing feel of their service, have repeatedly insisted the BMG tunes won't use any sort of encryption technology to "lock" up the audio files.

"I don't care what they say right now. BMG is not going to release their entire music catalog in perfect digital form and not have some security elements in place," said P.J. McNealy, a senior industry analyst with the research firm Gartner Group. "Encryption or not, they are going to have to have some way to track the files."

Congress puts sessions on hold

By Janet Hook
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - In a clear sign of the political distractions caused by the contested presidential election, congressional leaders decided Monday to postpone a scheduled lame-duck session until early next month - when they hope the next White House occupant will be known.

The House returned Monday for an unusual post-election session and the Senate was scheduled to follow suit Tuesday. But congressional leaders quickly decided to put off any serious work until Dec. 5, concluding that the major issues still facing the lame-duck Congress cannot be settled with the public - and lawmakers - focused on the imbroglio surrounding the recount of presidential ballots in Florida.

"There's too much uncertainty swirling around both Washington and the presidential campaign to conclude anything this week," said Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., after reaching agreement with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., on the postponement.

When Congress adjourned shortly before Election Day, it left many issues - including prospective tax cuts, education spending and immigration policy - to be resolved during the lame-duck session. Lawmakers hoped that last week's election would provide some guidance on which direction to steer those issues. Instead, they got a message even more muddled than before.

"We had hoped that a lot of this would be resolved with the election but now there is a great big question mark as to how we are going to proceed," said Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., who chairs the House Rules Committee.

Even President Clinton, who had been pressing Congress to finish its business, struck a more conciliatory stance Monday, signaling through his aides willingness to sign a stop-gap budget measure that would keep all government programs running through Dec. 5.

"The White House recognized that Congress was so preoccupied with outside matters that the prospect of getting any real work done this week was slim," said Linda Ricci, a spokeswoman for the White House budget office.

The tumult and uncertainty enveloping Capitol Hill also sent a unique welcome-to-Washington message for newly elected House members, who were in town for orientation sessions.

"There is a real interest in the freshman class to work in a bipartisan way," said Rep.-elect Adam Schiff, the Democrat who defeated Rep. James E. Rogan in California's 27th District. "I hope that would not be precluded by a bitter fight" over who wins the White House.

In the absence of a final budget agreement, the House Monday approved by voice vote the stop-gap measure funding federal programs through Dec. 5. The Senate is expected to follow suit Tuesday. The measure is needed because Capitol Hill's unfinished business includes providing money for many of the largest Cabinet departments, including Education, Health and Human Services, Justice, Commerce and State.

The scene in congressional offices underscored where the action - and interest - was on Monday. Television sets usually tuned to C-SPAN's coverage of legislative proceedings were switched to news channels, as lawmakers and their aides behaved much like many others around the country: Watching the ongoing tussle in Florida between the presidential campaigns of George W. Bush and Al Gore.

Even Rogan, facing the end of his House term and packing his belongings, was transfixed. "What's the latest from Florida?" he asked a reporter.

"There's so much uncertainty," said Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif.,

"It's not the best time" to iron out the remaining legislative disputes.

Republicans sought to put part of the onus for postponing the lame-duck session on Clinton. Noting that he is gone this week on a trip to Asia, they said that it would be difficult to reach agreement on outstanding issues. But the major factor was the unresolved presidential race -especially since both parties have been looking to the outcome to shape their final strategies for the legislative session.

For example, many lawmakers believe that the GOP would be more likely to push to revive a tax-cut bill that provides increased incentives for retirement savings if Gore were to win. If Bush wins, the argument goes, Republicans would let that modest proposal die and push for more sweeping tax cuts next year.

The Bush and Gore campaigns, for their parts, have worked to keep the congressional wing of their parties informed of - and in step with - their post-election strategies. Gore aides, in particular, aggressively pressed the vice president's case late last week after some Senate Democrats publicly expressed reservations about the possibility of a legal challenge to Florida's balloting.

Responding to Gore campaign requests for a more vocal show of support, House Democratic Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., offered such backing at a hastily arranged news conference Friday. Gore's running mate, Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., on Monday conducted a telephone conference call with the House Democratic Caucus to brief them on the latest developments and the campaign's position. Bill Daley, Gore's campaign chairman, was scheduled to meet Tuesday with Senate Democrats.

Some Republicans, meanwhile, appeared to fear that Bush was losing the public relations war surrounding events in Florida - and could lose his slim lead in the state as the hand-recount in selected counties proceeds.

"They are concerned," said Michelle Davis, spokeswoman for House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "We don't have an edge. It's very hard to explain."

Russia, U.S. talk about missiles

By Michael Slackman
Newsday

MOSCOW - For the first time, Russia indicated a willingness Monday to accept U.S. deployment of a national missile defense system. as long as that was accompanied by deep cuts in their nuclear arsenals.

Diverging from previous Kremlin insistence that deployment would undermine the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972 and shatter the cornerstone of arms control worldwide, the commander of the Strategic Missile Forces Monday proposed a new formula for maintaining a balance of power.

Gen. Vladimir Yakovlev said the new formula should consider a nation's defensive and offensive capabilities: If one goes up the other must go down. Under the treaty, the theory goes, the peace is maintained because each side knows if it launched an attack, the other could reciprocate with mutually assured destruction. A missile defense system. theoretically, undermines that balance because one side could strike and then defend itself against an attack.

"The main threat posed by altering the ABM accord is that it will radically change the state of affairs in the sphere of strategic offensive weapons," Yakovlev said Monday. He added that the United States is likely to go ahead with such a system, no matter what Russia says, and no matter who ends up in the White House.

"Large financial, scientific, technical and material resources have been invested in the program for upgrading the U.S. missile defense system. That is why it is unlikely that the turning gears for the American defense industry will come to a stop," be said.

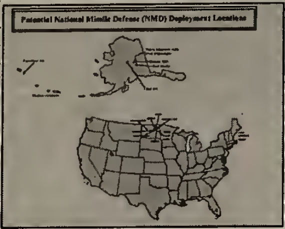
Though Yakovlev issued the statement on his own, it was widely perceived as representative of emerging national policy. Comments by President Vladimir Putin later in the day, which called for the United States and Russia to reduce their nuclear arsenals by half, added credibility to that view, military observers said.

Russia's decision to announce this shifting policy while the fate of the U.S. presidency is up in the air was a preemptive strike. Russia's financial situation, while stabilized by high oil prices, is still precarious at best. Its arsenal is old and as the warheads become unstable must ultimately be reduced. The last thing Moscow wants is to have to make unilateral reductions. It is hoping to press Washington into bilateral reductions by agreeing to some limited defense system. The United States has said such a system is necessary to protect it against the threat of attack by rogue nations.

At the same time, Russian officials are also concerned that the United States will never implement the Start II treaty, which was adopted by the Russian parliament at the end of last year. Under that plan, both sides are committed to cutting their arsenals of warheads from about 6,000 to 3,500. But the U.S. Senate must first approve certain changes in the treaty, and with the Republicans in control of the Senate and the possibility that George W. Busn will take the presidency, some officials here fear those reductions will not be made.

Monday, Russia took the initiative, hoping to push the United States into meeting its obligation under Start II and to go even further and agree to a Start III. While Yakovlev called for reducing both arsenals to 1,500, Putin suggested going even further.

"Because of financial limitations by 2010, that is exactly where Russia will be even without a deal with the West," said Ivan Safranchuk, a Moscow-based military analyst.


Potential National Missile Defense (NMD) Deployment Locations

Missile Defense Deployment Locations -File Photo

Mexico awaits U.S. winner

By Ken Ellingwood
Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY - To the ranks of those hanging in suspense over who will be the next U.S. president, add the 3,000 or so residents of San Cristobal.

The rural townsfolk have their own reason to care how the tense electoral drama turns out: They've been counting on hosting the U.S. president-elect next Monday as part of an annual commemoration of the Mexican revolution.

San Cristobal, in the central state of Guanajuato, is home to the ranch of Vicente Fox, whose history-making election in July as Mexico's first modern opposition president now seems almost humdrum compared to what is happening in the United States. Before voters marked a single ballot for Al Gore or George W. Bush, Fox extended invitations for the eventual winner to join him.

While Fox aides now say the visit was never confirmed by either U.S. candidate, Mexican media played it up and some Fox lieutenants were describing it as a clear probability. Residents of San Cristobal spruced up the town and let their hopes soar.

Locals saw the visit as a chance to show off a slew of improvements from fresh sidewalks and wrought-iron park benches to freshly painted building facades - and to enjoy the heady spectacle of having not one but two national leaders in their hamlet on the same day.

But giddy anticipation has given way to uncertainty. It is dawning on some that there may not be a U.S. president-elect by Monday.

"Whoever it is, it would be an honor," said Mercedes Angel, who works for a social service agency and sells souvenirs playing up Fox's roots. "All we can do is wait."

Angel, who is helping organize the festival, said in an interview from the town's only public telephone booth that many preparations are on hold. If it turns out that no VIPs will come to call, the town's parade, for example, will be moved up to this Friday.

Angel, who is a neighbor of Fox's mother and refers to the Mexican president-elect by first name, at first said most San Cristobal residents seemed to favor a Bush visit. But she quickly thought better of it and offered a more diplomatic answer: Some prefer Bush, a similar number tilt toward Gore - not unlike the voters of Florida.

San Cristobal has been gussying up for weeks, to the tune of $700,000 since Fox's victory. In addition to the cosmetic improvements, drinking water was extended to previously unserved areas. And local officials have proposed naming key streets after Fox, and after the dates of his election win, July 2, and swearing in, scheduled for Dec. 1.

Whether any dignitaries from the United States will lay eyes on the town - and when - remains to be seen.

"There was never any deal reached by the transition team with Gore or Bush," said Jorge Castaneda, a top international-affairs aide on the Fox transition team. "It was talked about ... and in fact it's still possible."

He added: "The (residents) just went and did this on their own, probably as a way to get money to fix up the town."

Tomb yields clues to ancient Syrian culture

By Guy Gugliotta
Washington Post

The two women were in their twenties, bedecked with gold and silver ornaments and jewelry of lapis lazuli. Each was buried with an infant, and all were surrounded by the low walls of a simple sarcophagus atop a hill.

The tomb is dated at 2300 B.C., part of an early Bronze Age civilization in northwestern Syria, flourishing at the same time as its more famous Middle Eastern neighbors in Egypt and Mesopotamia.

"Some suspect that urban civilization developed in Syria in response to the existence of the Mesopotamians," said Johns Hopkins University archaeologist Glenn Schwartz. "There is no question the Syrians were borrowing some ideas, but the (two cultures) are not especially matched up."

Schwartz led a team that recently discovered the tomb on a hill at Umm el-Marra, an ancient urban center 25 miles east of what is today the Syrian city of Aleppo. Archaeologists from Johns Hopkins and the University of Amsterdam have been excavating Umm el-Marra since 1994.

The tomb is the latest find in a region emerging in importance since the 1970s. Italian archaeologists at Ebla, 33 miles southwest of Aleppo, then found evidence of a sophisticated early Bronze Age civilization, including more than 17,000 cuneiform tablets.

Schwartz said be regards Umm el-Marra, a 60-acre site that probably supported a population of 3,000 to 5,000, as a "smaller, junior version of Ebla." Archaeologists have suggested that Umm el-Marra could be the ancient city of Tuba, mentioned often in early Egyptian texts.

James Armstrong, a curator and Syria specialist at Harvard University's Semitic Museum, said the Ebla cuneiform describes northern Syria in the third millennium B.C. as "a fertile landscape with lots of crops and enormous herds of sheep and goats." Most resources were controlled by wealthy, powerful elite families and royalty that dominated the region's city-states.

At the same time, Armstrong said, the city-states were optimally situated to serve as trading centers. They bought gold, silver, copper and other raw materials from mineral-rich Anatolia to the north and from the nomads on the Asian steppe and sold them to the Sumerians farther south.

"Umm el-Marra is apparently a smaller player in this landscape, but clearly there's a lot of wealth there, at least concentrated in the elite," Armstrong said, noting the "spectacular" artifacts recovered by Schwartz's team during the past summer.

The Umm el-Marra tomb is unique in the region because it has not been looted, Schwartz said. This is especially peculiar, he added, because it was an above-ground chamber located high on the Umm el-Marra hillside - apparently readily visible.

"It really is a mystery," Schwartz said. "Maybe it was held to be sacred. Maybe it got covered over with dirt. Maybe looters didn't realize it was a tomb since it appears to be part of a larger complex."

Because the tomb was undisturbed, Schwartz's team was able to learn that it had three levels. The two women and babies were in the uppermost layer. Two men and another baby were buried below the two women, and another man was buried even lower.

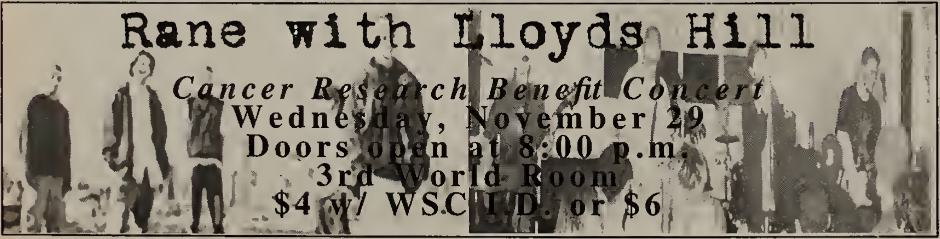
"What's strange is that the gold objects are restricted to the women," Schwartz said. "I would have expected that if the men were high-ranking, they would have been buried with gold, too."

But one man in the second level has only a silver headband and wristband, while the other has a bronze dagger. The man in the bottom layer has a silver cup and silver pins.

"I couldn't help but speculate: Could it be women accompanied by their retainers?" Schwartz said. "On the other hand, you could suggest that in this society you had gender differences, and women were more likely to be dressed up."

Schwartz also speculated that the presence of two women in their twenties, along with two tiny babies, could indicate ritual sacrifice, but no conclusion can be drawn because there is nothing with which to compare it. Other tombs in the region routinely show evidence of looting.

Still, it is clear from the tomb that Umm el-Marra, like other sites in northern Syria, had elites with plenty of money and a long commercial reach. The closest source of lapis lazuli in the ancient Near East was in the farthest reaches of what is now Afghanistan, about 2,000 miles to the east.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Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Hi there. Over the past several weeks, my column has taken on a decidedly more somber tone. I've received a great deal of feedback regarding this, which I truly appreciate. It seems that some of my readers enjoy this more serious approach, while others would prefer to read about skunkmonkeys every week. Well, given my short attention span, strange social life, and love for all things foolish, I can't say that I'll be sticking with either method. I'm just gonna keep writing what I feel on any given week. Thanks for all your comments, though, and keep them coming. As for this week, well, I humbly present to you...um, this thing. Enjoy:

A while back, while riding on the ol' PVTA with Fran Henderson, a group of little teenyboppers climbed aboard. They immediately dove into intellectual discourse regarding which teacher sucked the most, whether Gap or the Limited had better capri pants, and who the cutest Backstreet Boy was. To my amazement, they were somehow able to cover all three topics in a matter of about five and a half seconds. Anyway, talk then turned to a new foreign exchange student, and how sketchy he was, and how silly his accent sounded. One of the girls concluded the conversation with: "Well, I just don't know about him. . . . I mean, can he even speak English good?" Oh, sweet irony. That had to be one of the greatest moments of my life.

I'd love to do some great service to the island of Crete. With any luck, they would reward me with honorary citizenship, and that would be like a license to idiocy. See, I could go out, do something stupid, and just wait till somebody says: "What are you, some kind of cretin?" I can just look them right in the eye and say, "Why yes, I am a Cretin...how did you know?" Yep...that would pretty much rule.

I'm not a big fan of Maxim magazine. Or, for that matter, Stuff, Gear, FHM, Scumbag (that must be out there), or any of those other titles. See, I can admire the female form as much as the next guy, but the writers for Maxim pander to just about every single negative stereotype about men that I try to overcome. It's ridiculous. The very concept is good: a magazine for "real" men. They're working off the assumption, however, that the two primary goals of all "real" men are to get drunk and get laid. Even the articles themselves could be fine. "How To Say Hello In Seven Languages." Hey, that's cool. Real classy. Very cultured. But then, right at the end, they sneak it in. "Besides, knowing their language will help you boink foreign chicks! Yeah!" Is that entirely necessary? "Ten Classic Movies That All Guys Should See." OK, they're encouraging the arts. Then, right at the end: "Besides, knowing about these movies will help you boink sappy romantic chicks! Yeah!" Ug. I'm beginning to think that they have no idea what a "real" man really is.

Some election we just had, huh? Now, I'm writing this a week before you're going to actually read it, and I'm pretty confident that we still won't have a clear-cut winner. Oh well. With any luck, it'll at least snap people out of their voter apathy. At least they can't say that their vote doesn't count. Anyway, as exciting as the election coverage was, I couldn't help but think how much cooler it would be if the networks had brought in a couple guest commentators. I mean, Monday Night Football picked up Dennis Miller, so why not? Could you imagine, say, Tom Brokaw, Mr. T, and Fidel Castro all sitting there talking about the recount in Florida? Man, the sparks would just fly!

Tom Brokaw: "So, Mr. T, what do you think about the call for a recount in Florida? Constitutional debacle, or progress for the nation?"

Mr. T: "I pity the fool who can't read no ballot!"

Tom Brokaw: "Hmm. That's interesting. Mr. Castro?"

Fidel Castro: "CAPITALIST PIGS!"

Tom Brokaw: Oh. OK.

Ha-ha! That would have been great! I mean, just picture it. Mr. T., Castro funny, right? Hello?

Oh yeah. One more thing about the election. Just now I saw a poll that said 58 percent of Americans would support an amendment to abolish the Electoral College. That sort of confuses me. I think a lot of people have forgotten why our government works that way in the first place. It was implemented so that every state is somewhat represented in the election. It's the same reason that we all get two Senators, in addition to the congressmen based on population. If the election were based solely on the popular vote, then New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, and California would pretty much be running the show. Now, the system does need to be revamped. Perhaps allowing states to split their votes. That would make sense. But totally doing away with the Electoral College isn't the way to go.

So I was watching MTV the other day (I still feel a little bit ashamed), and, surprise surprise, Total Request Live was on. I tell you, I think Carson Daly is going to be deaf within a few years. I'm not sure I could handle all that high-pitched squealing. However, it's got to be fun knowing that WHATEVER you say will be met by the screams of about five hundred teenagers. I wonder if sometimes he just wants to tell the crowd that he hates them all. Just to see their reaction. They'd probably still cheer. "Yeah, so that last one was the newest from Britney, and I just wanted to let you know that you're all a bunch of idiots." The crowd goes nuts. "Yep, I really just want to throw myself out this window right now, and land on all those morons screaming on the street." The crowd holds up We Love Carson signs and continues to squeal.

Hmmm. I had a bunch of other things to tell you this week, but now I can't remember. That's at least a little sad. Goes to show that I need to write stuff down. Oh well, they'll show up some other week. But for now, that'll just about do it. Have a good week, and I'll talk to you all later.

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

Meanwhile at M.A.R.A.S.A

NICK GENGARELLY

The benefit concert on November' 4 put on by Kev Murray, a member of M.A.R.A.S.A. was an incredible show of talent. The bands that rocked Westfield State were: Orange Island (a 4-piece rock outfit from Clinton, Massachusetts, recently signed to Iodine records out of Boston, MA), 3 Ways Till Tuesday (hardcore emo from Connecticut), the Movielife (Revelation records pop-punk), Darens Head (period records) and Waterpistol (local emo from Ludlow, MA).

Every band played with supreme tightness and was a great show overall. The show was broadcasted over the air of WSKB 89.5, Westfield State College radio. Overall, the amount of money that was collected from the cover was a good amount to possibly donate or find other ways of using the money for the promotion of the group. Our plans for this money, as well as any other money we make in the future, are to donate to battered women's funds, and only a small percentage kept for M.A.R.A.S.A itself.

At last week's meeting, we were approached by Chris Ward, another columnist for the Campus Voice, as he presented to us an idea he had. It related to his article last week concerning the re-admission of Mike Tyson into the Nevada boxing commission. He wishes to start a petition, in conjunction with M.A.R.A.S.A, to protest this act. His idea was to set up a table in the main entrance to Ely for 4 or 5 days then send all the signatures to Nevada along with our reasoning for devising the petition. He came to our group for support because he believes, as do we, that it would be morally wrong to allow a convicted rapist to continue to thrive financially and feed off his sport of boxing. We feel that his re-admittance would downplay the seriousness of rape and cause others to view it as less of a crime than it really is. We are completely behind Chris in his endeavors and are urging everyone to please support all of us and sign the petition when you see it in Ely.

N. Gengarelly is a Voice Columnist

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The Campus Police will now only be accepting payment for parking tickets at the Department of Public Safety.
The Business Office will no longer be accepting these payments.

-Public Safety

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The Cut

CHRIS WARD

Wazzup Westfield? So anyway this Buddhist in New York City walks up to a sidewalk hot dog vendor and says "Make me one with everything."

Before I go on, I need to mention that the small computer lab across from the main one in Wilson got split keyboards, shutting me and those like me out of there as well. I heard a rumor that one of the labs in Bates still has normal ones, but I think it's a bit ironic that the technology fee that I paid went toward ensuring that I can't use the labs.

Thank god for my roommate and his laptop, which I use to write all that an English major needs to, including this column. Red, I know you hate it when I turn off your IM and I know that the porn is really starting to limit your hard drive space but thanks, man, for making this year a heck of a lot more convenient. I'll start saving the Anna Koumikova downloads to disc. (Soooo hot, want to touch the hiney).

Actually, Red just upgraded Word and that little paperclip guy freaks me out. He just sits there on his little piece of paper and stares at me like I'm stupid and he shoots his eyes toward spelling mistakes and when I take too long thinking about what to write next he scratches his head impatiently and he's doing it again and I can't take it anymore; for god's sake, Buddha, stop the voices!

A few thoughts on the gay issues column from last week. I'll start by saying that I'm addressing the merits of the article itself, not the larger issue that it portends to address. First off, my initial reaction was to not read it at all. A strong-well-thought out, well-expressed opinion is a righteous thing. It's a torch in the stifling darkness of unreason; it's a rallying call. It can also be, in a rare few, a mandate to lead. An opinion meeting these criteria has my respect with or without my agreement.

The article in question was most but not all of these things. Certainly truths were expressed, truths and facts. The manner in which they were expressed, though, left something to be desired. Briefly, the fact that homosexuals can room together was countered by the fact that homosexuals cannot marry. Since when do two wrongs make a right? In the next column, the shadowy author asserted that "printing such a stereotypical and vulgar thing only seeks to encourage such behavior and ignorance." I couldn't disagree more. Do the Klansmen and Nazis on Jerry Springer inspire us? Has enrollment increased with exposure? I doubt it.

Whenever hateful, ignorant nutbags get media exposure the result is that we, representing the thinking portion of the human race, are reminded of their presence among us and keep our guard up appropriately. Perhaps there would be no such thing as hate crime legislation without media exposure to tell us that people like that really do exist.

I agree with the author on the issue of sidewalk chalk, though. We need to martial the troops and turn every square inch of pavement on this campus into a pink triangle. There was definitely some heinous homophobia expressed in the selective enforcement of the sidewalk chalk policy and I'm blown away by the incredible coincidence of it being a Wednesday. You know, of "Wednesdays at Westfield" fame, when prospective students and their parents (also known as checkbooks with a pulse) visit our fair campus?

Ultimately, though, the article failed. The fact is that an opinion without a signature is an inanimate thing. Martin Luther nailing his thirteen points to the door, the Founding Fathers signing the Declaration of Independence, Che Guiverra… truth needs a face. That letter failed because anonymity is cowardice.

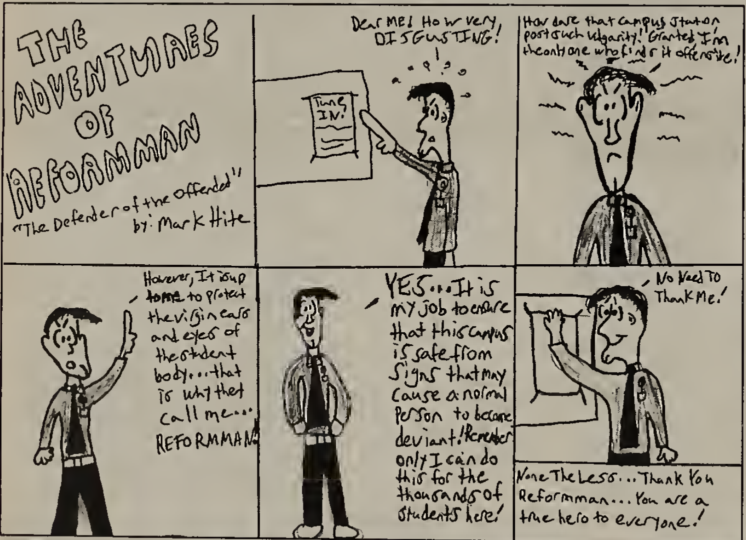
> **"A strong, well-thought-out, well-expressed opinion is a righteous thing. It's a torch in the stifling darkness of unreason; it's a rallying call."**
>
> -Chris Ward

Another point to consider is that the person who wrote the personal about couples rooming may have just been pissed that they couldn't room with their significant other. We obviously can't know for sure either way, but maybe he or she wasn't necessarily making a "statement" in that sense at all. Commenting on a perceived unfair housing practice isn't necessarily homophobia.

Furthermore, homophobia is an opinion that is just as constitutionally guaranteed as your own, regardless of how whacked it is. People have a right not to like other people; it's called freedom of expression. Sad? Yes. Scary? Certainly. Legal? Absolutely. Only when a homophobe (or racist, or homicidal maniac for that matter) actually ACTS upon those attitudes do we have the right as a society to restrain, persecute, and imprison them.

I gotta split now, I'm going to buy out Wal-Mart's supply of pink chalk. Damn the man. Peace and balance.

C.Ward is a Voice Columnist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No Need To Thank Me!
None The Less... Thank You Reformman... You are a true hero to everyone!

WSC Annual Turkey Drive to Benefit Needy Families

On November 13, 14, and 15 members of the Neighborhood Association Committee w/ members of the classes of 2001 & 2002 and CAB will be collecting door-to-door in each Res. Hall. Please donate any spare change you have.

Are Those Old Clothes Cluttering your Closets and Drawers?

Beginning the week of November 27, the NAC will be sponsoring a clothing drive. The marked drop off box will be located in the Ely Campus Center.

Any questions? Call SGA at 572-5429

Thanks for your help,

Amanda Perrin, Chair of NAC

No Attention paid to rape on campus

To Whom It May Concern:

As a young female living on the Westfield State campus, I was not surprised (unfortunately)—yet concerned—by the news of recent rapes committed here. Although, sadly, incidents like these are to be expected in an environment where both genders inhabit close quarters, and school policies prohibiting the consumption of alcohol on school property are abused or even abandoned, I am sickened to know that very little has been done to alert the remainder of residents.

Only through means of The Campus Voice have students, like myself, become aware of these immoral acts. There have been no mandatory meetings to attend in individual dorm commons rooms. There have been no letters put into mailboxes from the school or Public Safety regarding this issue. There has been NOTHING—except for The Campus Voice printing a weekly police log declaring "rape" in the same column as a fire caused by "burnt toast."

I am not asking to know the names of the victims or the accused. I am not interested in hearing the graphic details of these assaults. I am just asking that these incidences be more heavily regarded. We read about how great the Coffeehouse went last week or look through a candid interview with Mary, the lunch lady with more detail and on many newsprint pages prior to the police log.

I am only trying to acknowledge the importance of this public education, because as an institution of higher learning, it is the responsibility of the college to raise cognizance on all these issues that directly pertain to the campus community.

Laurel Stewart
Class of 2003

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

I was hoping to write about our new President-elect this week, but as of this writing, we still don't have one. This is a result of our outdated electoral college system. We could easily end up having a President who did not win the popular vote. What kind of democracy is that?

Ironically, the Founding Fathers were afraid of democracy. They were worried that the people did not know what was best for themselves. They believed the electors should be a chosen elite.

The electors voted for the two men they felt were most qualified. The candidate with the highest number of votes became President, and the one with the second highest became Vice-President.

This was a problem in 1800 when Thomas Jefferson and Aarron Burr received the same number of votes. The result was sent to the House of Representatives, where Jefferson was made President and Burr was made Vice-President, after 36 ballots were cast. Four years later, the 12th Ammendment attempted to rectify this situation by granting separate elections for President and Vice-President.

The election of 1877 was spoiled by this system, as well. The Democratic candidate, Samuel Tilden, had a popular vote that was 250,000 votes greater than his opponent, Rutherford B. Hayes. Tilden also had 184 electoral votes, compared to Hayes' 166 votes. Hayes needed the votes of three remaining states to win the Presidency. His managers compromised with the South by agreeing to remove federal troops and win Reconstruction. This gave Hayes the Presidency without the popular vote.

If Bush wins the electoral college in Florida -because of confusing ballots- he could win the Presidency. What a shame that "the leader of the free world" cannot find an accurate way to elect its leader!

Perhaps we could end the electoral college winner- take all system, where a candidate wins an entire state with a majority of electoral votes. Minority parties could also be considered, instead of giving their votes to one of the two main candidates. This would give a more accurate representation of the people's vote.

Another issue I'd like to bring up this week is our national holiday, Thanksgiving. To most Americans, this is a day to gather with family around a turkey dinner and watch football. However, some people, namely Native Americans, observe the day as a day of mourning.

The Pilgrims at Plymouth were Puritans, who saw the Natives as "the devil's disciples." They believed it was their duty to civilize them. Although their original encounters were peaceful, this peace didn't last long.

The settlers soon robbed the natives of their land, culture, and, often, their lives. This wasn't confined to just the Plymouth area. European settlers did this to natives throughout the colonies.

However, there is hope. Americans can still be thankful for what is now a peaceful, diverse nation. History's mistakes can be used, not as stumbling blocks to diversity, but to begin dialogue and encourage cooperation among different people.

K. Heaton is a Voice Columnist

A Response to Dr. Tetrault's call for support from on-campus unions

To the Editor:

My husband recently brought home a letter from Mr. Tetrault asking for support from the other two on-campus unions in his cause, in particular to join his picket lines. This letter was quite a source of amusement to both my husband and myself. I recently obtained a course book for the Spring semester. Mr. Tetrault is listed as teaching two classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Could someone inform me how much the state pays this man to teach two classes? I have a feeling it is double what my husband makes. Even factoring in that he has to have office hours, I doubt that he is putting in a forty hour work week.

Most of the other employees on the campus have to at least show up for the forty hours if they want their paycheck. Shouldn't Mr. Tetrault have to do the same. Where is Mr. Tetrault when the maintainers are cleaning someone's vomit at 3 a.m. in the morning? He states that he wants support from the other unions; however, when the campus police were asking for the proper tools to do their job, Mr. Tetrault was the most vocal opponent to this. Is this how he shows his support for the other unions on campus? He doesn't get screamed at by parents when they call the different offices on campus. He isn't around when the Resident Directors have to deal with a student who got in a fight with their boyfriend/girlfriend and took a bunch of pills because they think their world is over. If Mr. Tetrault worked in the private sector he wouldn't be able to justify his paycheck and would probably find himself looking for another job.

Before Mr. Tetrault calls upon the other unions on campus for support, maybe he should look out the window of his ivory tower and realize how easy he has it compared to most of the other employees on this campus. Next semester he will show up twice a week, talk for a few hours, and is then free to do whatever he chooses. I have no doubt that Mr. Tetrault does have some legitimate issues; however, compared to the rest of the employees on the WSC campus he is by far in a much better position.

I have withheld my name due to the fact that my husband works on campus and I would rather have him avoid any negative fallout that may occur from this letter if it even gets published.

Anonymous

Bridgewater State facing same problems as WSC

Matthew Parker, Tyrone Scoby, and Ben Sparrell are students at Bridgewater State College. This article appeared in the November 9 issue of their student newspaper, The Comment.

On November 7, students at BSC held a rally in support of our teachers. This is the third year they have been without a contract, and this needs to end soon. We were very pleased with the turnout for the rally—the Brockton Enterprise even sent a reporter to listen to us. Faculty who went by were in full support of our rally, and thanked us for our efforts. However, just because the rally has taken place does not mean the effort is over. We need to continue the effort and give the teachers some leverage in their attempts to negotiate a fair and equitable contract. But this was only the first step. More needs to be done.

There is clearly a problem in Massachusetts in our standards for higher education. While we have been given money to make computers accessible for all students at state colleges, and roughly $90 million dollars is being spent on new facilities, we need to reorganize our priorities and see the teachers receive the compensation they deserve. Certainly, many students come here for the facilities or the athletic organization, or perhaps for some other reason. But it is the professors who enrich, engage and lead us in discussions that deserve to be justly compensated and treated fairly.

In our previous letter, we tried to make it clear to everyone that this affects all of us, and we have a stake in what happens on this campus. If you are a graduating senior, you face the potential of diminished job opportunities because you went to a state college. If you are a freshman, you may face the loss of a beloved teacher due to working conditions and a lack of certain protections.

Did you know that secretaries on campus receive more money than first year faculty? Did you know that Massachusetts ranks 43rd on overall education spending out of the 50 states? Did you know that Massachusetts ranks 50th out of 50 states in spending on higher education?

Is this fair or just? Most of us are residents of the Bay State and it is our tax money that helps fund the state college system. Something needs to be done here to remedy this ridiculous problem, and the rally was an important tool that informed many students, and made them aware of the situation. However, we need to do more.

Here is what we need to do:

1. Stage another rally on Wednesday, November 29 at 11am.

2. Work with our teachers to establish more unity in this effort.

3. Get a group of students to help picket the board of higher education when they have their December 5 meeting.

The next rally should receive some media attention. The more students we get to attend the rally, the better the chances that we will make news. If we can make the public more aware, it will increase the pressure on the Board of Higher Education. The goal of a new contract for the state college professors is paramount. We may not be able to reform the system, but we can make a difference.

Once again, if anyone would like to help us in our efforts, please email Ben Sparrell at Bsparrell@bridgew.edu, Tyrone Scoby at Tscoby@bridgew.edu or Matthew Parker at M1Parker@bridgew.edu. Expect to see us and hear from us repeatedly in the next few weeks, and we will not give up until we win.

Thank you,
Matthew Parker
Tyrone Scoby
Ben Sparrell

Dissatisfied student says goodbye to WSC

ATTENTION STUDENT BODY:

I am speaking for a majority of the student body when I say that most of the faculty and administration on this campus are apathetic to the students, insincere, and selfish. They are so unwilling to help someone out.

I tried to be a responsible student and approach the department of my major at the begining of this fall term. I wanted to make sure I could take a number of classes at the same time. I was told that was not procedure and to go to add/drop. I went to add/drop four times and didn't even get a halfway decent schedule. I went from a perfect schedule, relating completely to my major, to a useless schedule. The only good thing that came out of that was I decided to do Co-op through career services.

A few weeks ago, I went to advising once, was told to "think what was best for me," and then meet again. I arrived again, and my advisor was a no-show. Before finally registering, I met with another professor in the department of my major who told me he was sorry for the department error and the slip in the system "but there is nothing that can be done." I explained that other students were allowed to take those courses all at once and I ended up being penalized because I was trying to be responsible. I was told "Well, that's too bad, but maybe you could take a minor or figure something out. Unfortunately these courses aren't offered every semester, so you are out of luck right now. You are young, just stick around an extra few semesters."

I went to Registration completely frustrated and came out with another list of useless classes. I came to college hoping, like all other students, to graduate in four years. Westfield State College should not start degree programs if it doesn't have enough staff or the option to have the degree courses available every semester. Once notified of a slip, departments should at least make an effort to investigate. I mean, if the department of my major was willing to make the exception for those students who took those classes at the same time, then they should make an exception for me. Let me take classes out of order, it wouldn't make any difference.

Unfortunately, the department of my major doesn't care if I graduate on time. I don't think they realize how hard it is to be declared independent from my family, pay tuition, pay car loans, and everything else required to survive in this world. I don't have money to throw in WSC's bank account.

WSC doesn't have the heart to throw any help,consideration, or sympathy into my education. I am not condemning those students who slipped by. Sometimes I wish I never said anything, but I have learned so much from this experience. I learn to rely only on myself and do what is right and best for me. Sometimes we all have to be a little selfish.

I went for an interview this morning at the top college of my choice. They accepted me on the spot, offered me a scholarship, are transferring all of my credits, and getting me started on my major courses so I can graduate right on time. Some people/places do care and are willing to listen and help. So to the student body, if there is a problem, don't be afraid to speak up. At last you can say you made an effort and gave it all you could. So I say goodbye to WSC and onto bigger and better things.

Trisha Murphy
class of 2002

TURKEY-RIFIC!

Mark the Porno Freak's Heavy Metal

Mark Hite

Some say that Y2K is the year that heavier music finally made its arrival into the mainstream. However, to several major death metal bands, it has been business as usual in the world of brutal thrash.

Death metal is best described as the heaviest and most insane music in the world. It uses the routes of 80's thrash with its fast guitar rhythms and thunderous twin bass drum beats. However, the vocal styles prove to be much different mixing hellacious deep guttural yells with ear piercing screams.

The genre has been ridiculed in the past for using controversial subject matter (lyric wise) and radical musical styles. Often the band's names reflect on dark and decrepit things (Death, Napalm Death, Six Feet Under) However, the acquired taste known as death metal has proven that it can stay for the long haul. It has one of the biggest underground followings around.

Several of the classic heavy hitters known to death metal are back and are tearing up the scene once again with new CDs. One heavy hitter out of Florida has been attacked by several people over their gore filled lyrics. As one critic once put it, "If vomit were a movie, this would be the soundtrack." However, they continue to keep true to themselves in their new and brutal live disc "Live Cannibalism" off Metal Blade Records. They are none other than Cannibal Corpse.

The band compiled some of their best live work and put it all together on the new disc. It contains favorites from just about every disc they ever released, ranging from 1991's "Butchered At Birth" to their most recent full-length release "Bloodthirst."

Almost every track is an ear-bleeding stand out. Some of the tracks included on the live CD feature (prepare to shrill and the titles) "Meathook Sodomy, Gutted, and Blowtorch Slaughter."

Front man, George "Corpsegrinder" Fisher is the leader of the demented ceremonies, giving screaming intros to twisted songs like "I Will Kill You, Devoured By Vermin, and Hammer Smashed Face" which give way to some of the most viciously heavy music you will ever hear. As you can probably tell, the content of the songs will make just about any horror movie fan re-think what exactly is considered scary.

The band actually performed "Hammer Smashed Face" in the Jim Carey movie "Ace Ventua Pet Detective." They appear when "Ace" goes to an underground club to seek out his friend for information. It has been rumored in the past that Jim Carey is a big fan of death metal.

Deicide, another death metal group out of Florida, has recently come out with a new CD entitled "Insineratehymn" off Roadrunner Records. The four guys have been under attack in the past because of their sacrilegious beliefs. (The name Deicide loosely translates to "kill a god" by the way.) Many death metal bands have taken a satanic stance to seem scary.

However, the four guys from Deicide are 100% pure-bred satanists. Lead barker/bassist Glen Benton is so serious about his beliefs that he is the proud bearer of a branded upside down cross in his forehead. Their dark and evil lyrics not only challenge the "religious right," but literally come out and wage war against the opposition.

Aside from their religious beliefs, the band uses a style that is a mix of heavy songs done in the classic death metal styles. However, unlike many other death metal bands, they mix speeds rather well in every song.

For example, the song "The Gift That Keeps On Giving," on the new CD, starts off with a creeping guitar rhythm, which eventually gives way to a thunderous twin bass drum beat. However, the song is sped up and slowed down repeatedly keeping the listener on the edge of their seat at all times.

The song "Forever Hate You" (an anthem dedicated to Benton's ex-wife) starts off with a heavy, fast beat. Throughout the song, guitarists Eric and Brian Hoffman work in a great mix of 80's Slayer- esq guitar melodies.

One of the major standout tracks on the CD, "Bible Basher," displays the band's intense sound that goes hand in hand nicely with the band's venomous lyrics that put down religion.

Several other death metal greats have come back recently as well. Morbid Angel has recently struck back with a new aggression filled disc entitled "Gateways To Annihilation." Six Feet Under has come out with a new disc entitled "Graveyard Classics" which is a tribute to several bands that influenced them throughout the years.

However, death metal is not only popular in the states. It is actually very popular in certain places in Europe. Sweden's Hypocrisy has recently made waves with death metal fans in the US with their new innovative death metal release "Into The Abyss."
The disc is off of Nuclear Blast Records which is a virtual haven for underground metal acts. Several other death metal bands can be found on labels such as Metal Blade, Ear Ache, and Relapse, to name a few.

Contrary to some conservative opinions, one does not have to be "evil" nor "a serial killer" to enjoy death metal. It only takes an ear for really loud music and an open mind that is yearning to break free from mainstream attitudes.

It's almost a guarantee that you will never hear the genre on several major rock stations. (They're too busy playing their brand of "heavy stuff" which consists of Limp Bizkit, Kid Rock, and Papa Roach...snicker...).

Therefore, underground clubs and college radio are your best bets for finding this unique style of loud metal. Death metal truly is one of the leaders of originality and aggression in music...to deny that would be a "grave mistake."

M. Hite is a Voice Columnist

Straight from the Source

Wes Jackson

What's up WSC? Alright, this has got to be border-line insanity now. I have actually done three articles in a row. I am starting to form a pattern here. First, I just want to say that I hope that my next article will be interviewing my people from Atlanta when my man Scully comes down to drop some lyrics on all of WSC. Well until then here is the latest in hip-hop "Straight from the Source";

I have to start off with the little bit of news that I left you with last week when I said that MTV bought BET. Well here is the story! The company that owns MTV, Viacom, has recently purchased BET.

This has a slight negative side to it as well as a big positive side. The small negative side is that BET will no longer be black-owned, but the positive side is that this move should improve the quality of programming we see on the station, thanks to MTV's endless budgets and cutting edge ideas. So just maybe we will get rid of Cita and see the real person behind the voice.

Can you believe this, hip-hop fans? Another rapper is making their second posthumous album and no, it is not Big L like some people may think, but rather it is Big Pun. A second collection of Big Pun's work is being put together nine months after the Bronx, New York-born rapper suffered a fatal heart attack. Loud Records has dubbed the collection a "tribute" to Big Pun and the album will be called "Endangered Species."

The album will feature some of Big Pun's collaborations, as well as material from Pun's two studio albums. The album is due to hit stores February 6, which is one day short of the anniversary of Pun's death.

I have some very big news to tell you concerning Napster. It has been reported that Napster, Inc. has formed an alliance with the parent company of BMG Entertainment, one of the world's largest music labels, which will lead to a new copyright-friendly version of the popular music-trading service.

The weird thing about this entire thing was that just a few months before this, BMG had a lawsuit against Napster because of copyright infringement on some of BMG's artists, like Christina Aguilera, Dave Matthews Band, Puff Daddy, and Santana. The other big thing about this deal is that the new version of Napster will be based on a membership model with royalties being paid to labels, artists, songwriters, and music publishers.

The company will charge a monthly membership fee of $4.95 for service. As for the lawsuit that I talked about earlier, BMG will not drop that lawsuit until the new version of Napster is implemented. Napster CEO Hank Barry says that the new system will be in place as soon as possible. This has to be a great thing for music in general!!

RUMOR TIME!! I have some word on the DL about two Def Jam's big dogs, Jay-Z and DMX. It is not a big secret that both are starting new record labels.

The word on the low has it that DMX is leaving the Ruff Ryders' camp behind in order to start his own label, but he will still have Swizz Beats handling the production chords. I have no word if the ties between DMX and the rest of the camp are still tight. Especially seeing how in DMX's new video with Funk Flex, not one member of the Ruff Ryders is in it.

Now for the Jiggaman! Word has it that Jay-Z is ready to launch his second record label called Carter Faculty, which will be run by his cousin. Jay-Z will still run all the full-time things over at Roc-A-Fella. This other record label seems to be somewhat of an offshoot project that he is funding, but will be run by others, Isn't that just special? Who says that rappers don't do nice things for others?

The first group signed to this record label will be Da Rhanjaz, who has done songs with Memphis Bleek and Jay-Z.

The late story of the week has to deal with my favorite group whose album hits stores November 21. If you haven't guessed it is the Wu Tang Clan. Other than promoting the album "The W," which comes out on the 21st, one of the members, the GZA, has been compiling footage for a documentary of the entire group ever since they reunited to do work on this album. The entire group, minus O.D.B stayed in the Wu mansion in Los Angeles for two months during the pre-production of the album. The original plan for the documentary was going to be about himself while be stayed in Europe for a tour, but the GZA found the entire project so liberating that he decided to broaden his plans and tape the entire Wu Tang Clan.

Well, that is all from me this week. Make sure to read next week and to cop that new Wu album on the 21st, which is Tuesday.......ONE LOVE!!

W. Jackson is a Voice Columnist

A ‘Dark, tragic comedy: ‘The Visit’’

■ **'Visit'**

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Members of the cast said that the play is a "dark, tragic comedy, with a ton of characters in it; that is gruesome and will keep you on the edge of your seat." Anton Marotte, who plays the role of Karl, said that the play is "an obsession."

Chris Slaughter, technical director and designer of the set and sound, said that he is excited about the play this semester. "I am very excited that the audience will be able to see an excellent use of space that they have never seen before on this campus," he said.

Both Slaughter and Shea said that they were "happy to have costume designer and lighting designer Julie Leavitt on board as part of this program."

When asked why students should come to the play, Lafluer said it was a way to do something different. "It's like an escape from the normal college life," she said.

West said, "You should come to the play because it gives you a chance to be disconnected from your everyday life at this college for 2 hours."

Jane Neville, who plays the role of woman #2, said, "the play and its actors represent a better part of Westfield State College."

Tickets for "The Visit" went on sale November 13, at the Service Window in Ely. Tickets can also be reserved over the phone at 572-5784. Tickets are $2 for students/seniors, $3 for faculty/staff and $5 for general admission. The play will run from November 28 to December 2 at 8 p.m. and on December 1 and 2 there will be matinees at 2:30 p.m. as well.

Winter White Stag
Sponsored by the Class of 2002
Friday, December 1, 2000
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in
Scanlon Banquet Hall
Tickets are on sale at the Service Window
NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR
Tickets $15 before Thanksgiving/
$17 after, until the day of.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Melissa Mallholt and Kelly O'Brien

By Jed Dion
A&E Editor

Tune into "Subliminal Deconstruction" every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 and you might be able to hear some heavy tunes. Your hosts, Melissa Mailhoit and Kelly O'Brien, are both seniors majoring in mass communications.

The duo play a lot of stuff off the WSKB racks as well as local music, hardcore, industrial stuff, metal, new stuff and stuff that isn't even on a label yet. Groups like Linkin Park, Fear Factory, Only Minutes Left and Marilyn Manson can be heard during the show.

This semester is the duo's first semester doing a radio show. "Radio is a part of our major and it sounded like a lot of fun, plus we both like music a lot," said Mailhoit.

"I hadn't ever thought about doing a show till last year. I was so involved with the TV station, but I never thought about radio," said Mailhoit on why they started so late into their college career.

"I have only three classes this semester so it leaves me with tons of time to do a show," said O'Brien.

Besides spinning tunes over the WSKB airwaves, Mailhoit likes to go to local shows. She keeps busy working and also enjoys art. Mailhoit is also actively involved with MTG, (Musical Theater Guild). She's been involved with many of the shows the group has put on doing lighting design and other such things.

O'Brien is involved with the Wind Symphony where she plays the french horn. She also enjoys playing softball on campus.

The duo have tried contests in the past but they've had little success getting people to call in with answers.

"We even tried to give away tickets to a show, but no one called in," said Mailhoit.

"If anyone has any sugestions for contests or anything, please call us," said Mailhoit.

Anyone can contact the station to make requests or make sugestions at 572-5427, the extension spells LIAR on the phone keypad.

WSKB SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Joe Skahan punk/ska 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Nate Germain new 8-10am	The Duck talk 8-10am	Chris & Matt punk 8-10am		
Stephani Poole new 10-12pm	Andy Lamica new 10-12pm	The Duck & Venus 10-12pm	Brian Harmon ska/punk 10-12pm	Steve Camera punk 10-12pm	Joe & Katie new 10-12pm	Amanda & Holly new 10-12pm
Scott Toomey 12-2pm	Brian Mazzone 12-2pm	Michelle & Jeff 12-2pm	Nathan 12-2pm	Mike Berman 12-2pm	Bob, Corey & Brenda 12-2pm	Nick 12-2pm
Matt & Justin hip-hop/80's rock 2-4pm	Jon & Jon new & retro 2-4pm	Melissa & Kelly 2-4pm	Cyclone J new 2-4pm	Kevin & Bobb new 2-4pm	Amy & Andrea 2-4pm	Mike & Jeff jazz 2-4pm
Mike Boyd punk 4-6pm	Jim Cartier new 4-6pm	Kay Saltmarsh mix 4-6pm	Dj Radio talk/music 4-6pm	Eileen2 celtic 4-6pm	Bob & Matt new 4-6pm	Music For Your Mind 4-6pm
Melissa Saporetti 6-8pm	Ska/Punk & Other Junk 6-8pm	Warhead Show w/ Jeff Carter 6-8pm	Mark Hite metal 6-8pm	Andy Clark metal 6-8pm	Mike Dion new 6-8pm	Doc B. jazz 6-8pm
Wes & Charles hip-hop 8-10pm	Mike, Chris, Laurel & Jeff 8-10pm	Smike & Kyle punk 8-10pm	Josh Thomson ska/punk 8-10pm	April Bak new/loud 8-10pm	Saturday Night Live in the Ely Campus Center. Check it out from 8-12am Prizes!	Time Warp to the 80's 8-10pm
Everyone Loves Emo 10-12am	Andy McArdle 10-12am	Shawn & Martin electronic 10-12am	Laurie, Khristie and Courtney 10-12am	James & Mike 10-12am		Lamont Stockey hip-hop 10-12am
Tim & Amy electronic 12-2am	Dave, Stephan & Greg 12-2am	Mike & Christian 12-2am	Kim & Katey new 12-2am		Blake & Ryan 12-2am	Mark, Kevin & Shannon 12-2am

Students, faculty, and alumni contribute to the Fall Wind Symphony

By Jessica Norton
Voice Reporter

Music lovers gathered in Dever Auditorium on Tuesday, November 14, to watch Dr. Karen LaVoie conduct her students in the fall concert. The Wind Symphony personnel consists of students, faculty, and alumni.

The first piece of the night was the "La Belle Helene Overture" by Jacques Offenbach. This piece had a nice melody, which helped to control the fast paced tones that ran through the song every so often. The band was very harmonized and in sync with one another, making the timing enjoyable. Rachelle Beauchesne, a French horn player, said, "I think that melody-wise and harmony-wise was by far the best piece we've had."

The second piece of the evening was "Blessed Are They" by Johannes Brahms. It had a beautiful beginning with a good melody and was very harmonious. The performance was excellent and was beautifully played. This song flowed very smoothly and had a nice tone to the overall piece.

The WSC Wind Symphony plays in Dever Auditorium.

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Before the beginning of the third piece, which was "Symphony for Band" by Morton Gould, Dr. LaVoie told the history of the song, how it was composed, and talked about the two different sections of the piece. In the first section, entitled "Epitaphs," the clarinets played a soft melody with a dramatic flair. This section was mostly for the clarinets, but everyone played beautifully, including the trumpets and cornets, which played their parts wonderfully. The second section "Marches," was more upbeat and had more pep to it. The section had a nice tone, which the percussion section helped add to the ending nicely.

After the intermission, the fourth piece of the evening was "Rolling Thunder," by Henry Fillmore. This was a fast-paced and energetic song. The pitch and tone were excellent, and the piece was beautifully performed.

The fifth song, "A Song For Friends" by Larry Daehn, was pretty, with a light melody. It was very peaceful and serene. It was a good performance, with great percussion and woodwind parts, especially the clarinets.

The final piece of the night was B lue Shades by Frank Ticheli. This piece was a bit strange sounding at the beginning and was very jazzy and upbeat. This was a good performance with a fast paced beat and specific slow spots at some points within the song. There was good percussion towards the end, with senior Kevin Noble doing an excellent job on a solo clarinet part. This was a great performance and all of the performers did an excellent job. If any of you out there are interested in band performances, you should go and see their next one.

Jeff's Cinema Scoop

Jeff Carter

I spend a lot of time writing about the unbelievably HUGE movie lineup coming our way in the summer of 2002 here in "Cinema Scoop," so this week I thought I'd devote an entire column to the cinematic offerings heading to the multiplexes in summer 2001. (Insert Stanley Kubrick joke here).

Kicking off the blockbuster summer season on May 11 will be Universal's *The Mummy Returns*, a sequel to the surprise 1999 hit. Brendan Fraser reprises his role as swashbuckling adventurer Rick O' Connel, and the storyline of the film has him trying to protect his newborn son from a resurrected Im-ho-tep, and the Scorpion King, a new baddie played by WWF wrestler The Rock! Also returning to the roles they played in the original are Rachel Weisz (Evelyn), Arnold Vosloo (Im-Ho-Tep), John Hannah (Jonathan Carnahan), Oded Fehr (Ardeth Bay) and Patricia Velazques (Anck-su-namun).

Also in May, the highly-anticipated and extremely over-budget *Pearl Harbor* hits theaters directed by Michael Bay (*Armageddon*).

The film chronicles the experiences of several different characters during the infamous bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941. It features an all-star cast that includes Ben Affleck, Josh Harnett, Kate Beckensale, Cuba Gooding Jr., Tom Sizemore, Alec Baldwin, Ewan Bremner, Guy Torry, James King, Meat Loaf (Matt Davis), Leland Orser, Colm Feore, Jon William Lee Scott, Catherine Kellner, Jennifer Garner, and Dan Aykroyd.

On July 27, look for Mark Wahlberg, Tim Roth, Helena Bonham Carter, Paul Giamatti, Michael Clarke Duncan, Estella Warren, Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa, Spike Jonze, and George Clooney all to be dressed as big monkeys for Tim Burton's big-budget remake of *Planet of the Apes*.

"No summer can be complete without some kind of Dinosaur movie it seems, and 2001 is no different."
-Jeff Carter

No summer can be complete without some kind of Dinosaur movie it seems, and 2001 is no different. The third and final Jurassic Park movie stomps into your cinema on July 18, featuring the talents of Sam Neill reprising his role of Dr. Alan Grant, as well as Alessandro Nivola, Trevor Morgan, Tea Leoni, William H. Macy, Michael Jeter, and Taylor Nichols. There are rumors of a brand-new bad ass dinosaur called the Spinosaurus terrorizing the heroes, and we can expect to see more T-Rexes, Pteradons, and those wacky flesh-rippin' Raptors!

Rounding out the major releases, writer/director Kevin Smith closes out his "New Jersey Chronicles" with *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back!* On August 10. Smith describes the film as a "buddy/road trip movie" with Jay and Silent Bob traveling across the country finishing their quest for mayhem that began way back in *Clerks* (1994). The cast is as follows: Kevin Smith (Silent Bob); Jason Mewes (Jay); Jason Lee (Brodie Bruce, Banky Edwards); Jeff Anderson (Randal Graves); Brian O' Halloran (Dante Hicks); Ben Affleck (Holden McNeil, in talks); Matt Damon (in talks); George Carlin; Chris Rock; Alanis Morrisette; Bill Murray (rumored); Ethan Suplee (William); Scott Mosier (William); and Dwight Ewell (Hooper X).

Of course, you can expect much more than I've covered here, such as another animated feature from the Mouse House, more sequels, and more remakes of old TV shows. If you want information on anything I've missed, please send me an e-mail at jeffcart23@aol.com. Until next week, remember, "No iron can pierce the heart with such force as a period put just at the right place." -Isaac Babel.

The Dark Place
anonymous

In the far reaches of my mind
I recall things I haven't thought about for years.
These things, hidden away
not because I want them to be
But because maybe they should be.
What if people knew I was aware
of some of the things I am aware of?
If they knew that I knew.
If they cared.
If I cared.
Thats why they've been pushed back.
Back into the dark place in my mind.

Reaching
anonymous

Why must things be so far?
Far from my grasp
but not far for me to see.
So as I sit here staring at what
I cannot have.
It makes me angry.
I reach and reach
But what I want is just out of reach.
As if put there on purpose
the thing seems to stare back at me
Saying "ha ha ha try and get me fool"
But I cannot reach it.

5 Days
anonymous

Would you leave me on the ground?
Half found and confound.
Would you leave me here to die.
An evil sight as you pass by.
Would you leave me here to stay.
Another object in your way.
I've got five days to go
until I know
Is it safe to say
That she will stay.
I've got five days to go
until I know
Is it safe to say
That they will stay.

"Do you think the electoral college is a fair system for electing the president?"

"I think it is a greatly outdated formality that should have been amended when the telephone was invented."

Eric Mersereau
Mass Communications
2001

"No, it was instituted in a time when the population was not well informed and unable to vote."

Brian Redfern
Computer Science
2001

"I feel that due to the electoral college our society is not as democratic as it is made out to be."

Emily Deschamps
Psychology
2001

"No, because when it comes down to it, the people of the U.S. don't have a say in who becomes president."

Joe Ponska
Liberal Studies
2001

"I think that it is a fair system, because it allows each state to get equal attention from the presidential candidates."

Aton Marotte
Communication
2004

"No, the candidate with the most popular vote should be put into office because they represent the public opinion."

Elizabeth Marshall
English
2003

-Compiled by Megan Meehan

Friedrich Duerrenmatt's

The Visit

Adapted by Maurice Valency
Directed by Jack Shea
Designed by Christopher Slaughter and Julie Leavitt

November 28 through December 2 at 8:00 p.m.
Matinees Friday and Saturday, December 1-2 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Monday, November 13 at the Service Window in Ely
Ticket reservations can be made beginning November 13 by calling 572-5784
$2 students/seniors, $3 faculty/staff, $5 general admission
Student ID's from other colleges will be accepted

An unforgettable play about a fabulously wealthy woman who returns to her debt-ridden home town and offers a great sum of money to its inhabitants. But there is one condition: she wants the town to kill its most beloved and respected citizen who years earlier had caused her to be expelled from the town in disgrace. The village initially rejects her offer, but within days the temptation of great wealth corrupts the citizens. Soon they begin to demonize their fellow townsman, providing the rationalization and justification for his execution.

The legendary Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine chose this Peter Brook-directed play as their swan song. It is a complex and ultimately disturbing, tragicomedy about the failings of the human heart, about justice and mercy, about greed and corruption. Chosen the best foreign play upon its American debut in 1959, The Visit continues to resonate today, speaking to the excesses and the failings of our time.

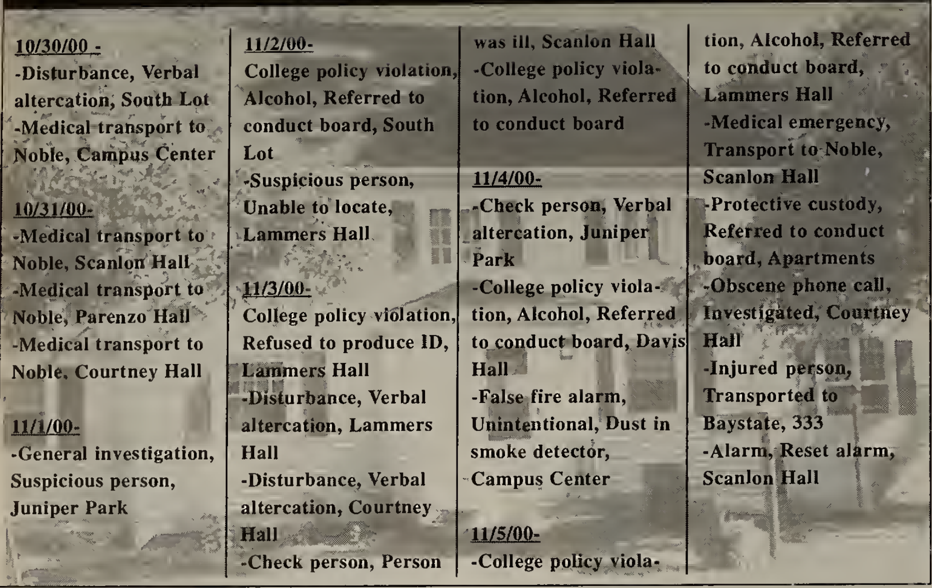
Murder Mystery Dinner

Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Scanlon Living Room

-Come and join the fun. Bring your friends and family for an evening of great food and theater. Become amateur sleuths for the evening. See if you can find the clues to guess Whodunit!

Tickets are $10/person and are on sale now at the Campus Center service window.

Police Log from 10/30/00-11/05/00



10/30/00 -
-Disturbance, Verbal altercation, South Lot
-Medical transport to Noble, Campus Center

10/31/00-
-Medical transport to Noble, Scanlon Hall
-Medical transport to Noble, Parenzo Hall
-Medical transport to Noble, Courtney Hall

11/1/00-
-General investigation, Suspicious person, Juniper Park

11/2/00-
College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, South Lot
-Suspicious person, Unable to locate, Lammers Hall

11/3/00-
College policy violation, Refused to produce ID, Lammers Hall
-Disturbance, Verbal altercation, Lammers Hall
-Disturbance, Verbal altercation, Courtney Hall
-Check person, Person was ill, Scanlon Hall
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board

11/4/00-
-Check person, Verbal altercation, Juniper Park
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, Davis Hall
-False fire alarm, Unintentional, Dust in smoke detector, Campus Center

11/5/00-
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, Lammers Hall
-Medical emergency, Transport to Noble, Scanlon Hall
-Protective custody, Referred to conduct board, Apartments
-Obscene phone call, Investigated, Courtney Hall
-Injured person, Transported to Baystate, 333
-Alarm, Reset alarm, Scanlon Hall

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Attention All Intramural Players

All Players must bring an I.D. to all Intramural Games

I.D.'s will be checked from now on...

No I.D. - No Playing -

No Exceptions.

Thank you - Intramurals x5424

Reminder:

Captains are responsible for checking schedules and informing team members when they are playing. Office WILL NOT be calling. Schedule is posted outside Ely 231

Open Gym Hours

Parenzo Gym
Mon. 12a-2a
Tue. 12a-2a
Wed. 12a-2a
Thur. 11p-2a
Fri. 6p-10p
Sat. 4p-8p
Sun. 2p-6p, 12a-2a

- Not on a team, but want to play? Call x5424
- All Schedules are posted in Ely outside Room 231. Please check the schedules DAILY for game times! If you cannot make a game you are scheduled for, you MUST notify the Intramurals office immediately! (x5424) 24 hour notice for cancelling a game or you will receive a forfeit.

5-5 Basketball will be held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights from now on.

Intramural Standings

Co-ed Volleyball

Wildcats 3-0
Courtney Booty Crew 2-0
Imperial Pints 3-1
CWA 2-1
Latuian Connection 1-2
T&A 0-1
West Side RA's 0-1
Team Dunn 0-1
Wassabi 0-1
Ball Busters 0-3
Bad Boys 0-1
White Chocolate 0-1
Team Pig 0-1

5-5 Basketball

(Skilled Division)

Caucasian Mafia 1-0
Imortal Emceez 1-0
House of Pain 1-0
Airball 1-0
Golden Showers 0-1

5-5 Basketball

(Highly Skilled Division)

Sunset Bombers 1-0
16th Men 1-0
3B 1-0
CWA 1-0
Team Stewart 0-1
Supermen 0-1
Dirty Dozen 0-1
Mandelay 0-1

Men's Soccer

(Skilled Division)

Cream Team 2-0
Wassabi 0-0-1
2 in Pink 1-1-1

Men's Soccer

(Highly Skilled Division)

Goodfellas 1-0
Freshmen United 1-1
Golden Showers 1-1
Supermen 0-1

Women's Soccer

Corporate Girls 2-0
Hooters 1-1
Dickinson Chicks 1-1
Thunderbolts 1-1
WAW 0-2
Lady Raiders 0-0

23 Westfield Athletes Selected All Conference

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Twenty-three Westfield State College athletes representing seven falls sports were named to postseason all conference squads.

Three of the athletes earned additional acclaim by being selected Players of the Year. Freshman field hockey standout B.J. Dion of Waltham was named Rookie of the Year in both the Mass. State Conference (MASCAC) and the 11-team Little East Conference. Freshman back Joel Dam of Marshfield was named conference Rookie of the Year in men's soccer, and sophomore midfielder Janet Bourget of Holden was chosed the MASCAC Player of the Year in women's soccer.

Dam was one of six players from the NCAA Tournament men's soccer squad selected all conference, and he helped spearhead a defense that allowed only 19 goals in 20 games and set school records for shutouts (11) and consecutive shutouts (seven).

Senior forward Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham and sophomore midfielder Chris Whalley of Southwick were first team honorees. Labadorf, a three-time all conference first teamer, tied for the conference scoring title with Player of the Year Greg Bennett of Worcester. Labadorf tallied 14 goals and 11 assists for 39 points; he ranks 10th on the school's all-time scoring list with 111 points.

Whalley, the 1999 Rookie of the Year, was the conference's fourth leading scorer with 28 points, including a league-high 14 assists.

Second-team soccer selections were: senior Andrew Lewis of Danvers; sophomore back David Gadouas of Chicopee; senior midfielder Chris Machado of Weymouth, and Joel Dam.

Lewis, a three-time all conference pick, ranked sixth in conference scoring with seven goals and 10 assists; he is 11th on the Owls' career scoring charts with 93 points. Machado, a senior co-captain, finished the season with one goal and nine assists.

Bourget was Westfield's only first team selection in women's soccer. She ranked fifth in conference scoring with 10 goals and four assists, and had big games in victories over Fitchburg, Worcester and Salem.

Second-team women's soccer selections were: senior midfielder Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield, senior back Melissa Reed of Townsend, and senior forward Erin Reardon of Southampton. DiCarlo was first-team all conference her first three seasons, while Reed was a first-teamer in 1999.

Four members of the MASCAC champion field hockey squad were honored. Dion and senior back Brooke Wadhams of Goshen, Conn., were first team selections in both the MASCAC and Little East Conference. Junior back Sara Monahan of Holliston and junior midfielder Alison Pratt of Feeding Hills were second-team MASCAC selections.

Dion led the conference in points per game (1.71 average), with 29 points (12 goals, 5 assists). Wadhams and Monahan were second-team all conference in both 1999 and 1998.

In volleyball, senior middle blocker Larissa Farrell of Ashfield was a first-team choice for the second consecutive year. Named to the second team were junior setter Sarah Cormier of Lowell and junior outside hitter Katie Simlick of Enfield, Conn.

Three members of the cross country teams earned all conference honors by finishing in the top seven in the MASCAC championships. In the men's meet, senior Jason Pappas of Fitchburg and sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee finished second and third, respectively. Starr Hockenberry of Southwick finished fifth in the women's race.

In football, three Westfield State players were chosen all-stars in the 14-team New England Football Conference.

Senior defensive end Tim Corr of Duxbury and punter John Frasco of Chicopee were both first teamers. Frasco led the conference in punting with a 39.5 average. Corr was near the top in several defensive categories, with nine tackles for losses, seven sacks, and four fumbles.

Senior linebacker Ken Stewart of Southbridge was named second-team all conference; he finished fifth in the NEFC with 92 tackles.

Also honored during Westfield State's outstanding fall sports seasons were two coaches. Hilary Epling (volleyball) and Heather Cabral (field hockey) were selected conference Coach of the Year.

Mass. State Conference Smith Cup Standings

Place	School	Points	Possible Points	%
1st	Westfield	23	36	639
2nd	Bridgewater	19	36	527
3rd	Worcester	14	36	.389
T-4th	Fitchburg	6.67	36	185
T-4th	Framingham	6.67	36	.185
6th	Mass. College	2	24	083
7th	Salem	0 67	30	.022
8th	Mass. Maritime	0	24	000

MASCAC Fall Review

Men's Soccer
T-1) Worcester
T-1) Westfield
3) Massachusetts College

Women's Soccer
1) Framingham
T-2) Bridgewater
T-2) Westfield

Field Hockey
1) Westfield
2) Worcester
3) Fitchburg

Men's Cross Country
1) Bridgewater
2) Westfield
3) Fitchburg

Women's Cross Country
1) Westfield
2) Bridgewater
3) Fitchburg

Football
T-1) Bridgewater
T-1) Worcester
3) Fitchburg

Vollyeball
1) Bridgewater
2) Westfield
T-3) Framingham, Salem, Fitchburg

6 Points are awarded for first place, 4 for second place and 2 for third place in round robin competitions
3 Points are awarded for first place, 2 for second place and 1 for third place in Cross-Country and Track

Mass. State Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Year Janet Bourget

Little East Conference and Mass. State Conference Field Hockey Rookie of the Year B.J. Dion

Mass. State Conference Men's Soccer Rookie of the Year Joel Dam

Men's Soccer Falls In NCAA Tournament

Scoring Spurt Lifts Middlebury To 3-1 Victory

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. - The Westfield State College men's soccer team's stellar season came to an end Saturday, Nov. 11, as it was defeated by Middlebury College, 3-1, in the New England Regional semifinals of the NCAA Division III tournament.

The Owls had their 10-game winning streak snapped and finished with a 15-5 record. Middlebury, ranked 19th nationally, improved to 13-2-3 with the home victory.

Middlebury also was eliminated from the NCAA Tournament as it lost to rival Williams College, 1-0, in the regional finals Nov. 12. Williams blanked Wheaton, 2-0, in the other regional semifinal.

"We played a good game; we just lost our focus for about 10 minutes," said Westfield State coach Paul Whalley.

Middlebury scored three goals in a 10-minute span to take a commanding 3-0 lead with 41:11 left in the game.

The first goal came with 5:51 left in the first half when Aaron Barsch perfectly headed the ball over the outstretched arms of Westfield goalie Nick Ammendolia. The header came off a rebound following a save by a Westfield defender in the penalty box.

Middlebury then struck for two quick goals early in the second half. Westfield scored with 21:43 remaining on a free kick from 30 yards by sophomore Chris Whalley of Southwick.

"I thought both teams played the game well from the first whistle," said Middlebury coach David Saward. "I thought we controlled the ball a little more but Westfield attacked well when they brought the ball up."

With the game scoreless, senior standout Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham nearly put the Owls in front at the 10-minute mark, but his shot hit inside the post and came out.

"I'm very proud of the team," said Whalley. "When we were down 3-0 we played harder than ever. It took us awhile to get settled early in the game, but I thought we played well for the most part and proved that we belonged in the tournament. We just got beat by a good team."

The regional competition was top-flight as the other three teams are ranked nationally: Williams (5th), Wheaton (11th), and Middlebury (19th). Williams had been ranked No. 1 in the country before being upset by Middlebury in the conference finals two weekends ago.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP - Seniors on this year's highly successful Westfield State men's soccer teem, left to right: Chris Machedo, Karl Labadorf, Nick Ammendolia, and Andrew Lewis. Labedorf end Lewis rank 10th end 11th on Westfield's career scoring list with 111 and 93 points, respectively. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Jason Pappas Leads Owls At Cross Country Regionals

NORTH DARTMOUTH - Senior Jason Pappas was Westfield State's top runner in the New England Division III Regional cross country championships held at UMass Dartmouth Nov. 11.

Pappas finished 43rd out of 251 runners with a time of 26:17.98 over the five-mile layout. Sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee placed 93rd in 27:16.86.

The Owls finished 20th in the 34-team meet with 565 points; they edged conference rival Bridgewater State, which totaled 567 points.

Keene State won the men's meet with 35 points followed by Williams College with 52. Keene's Wilson Perez was the individual winner with a 24:38.21 clocking.

In the women's meet, Middlebury College nipped Williams for the team title, 60-61. Springfield standout Barb Swallow was the individual champion in 17:26.3 over the 3.1 mile course.

Westfield senior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick placed 116th with a time of 20:01.34. Sophomore Catie Geldert of Otis (Monument Mountain H.S.) finished 134th in 20:36.34.

The Owls placed 24th in the 35-team women's meet.

Complete results are located at: www.coolrunning.com

Depth Leads Swim Team Past Plymouth State

PLYMOUTH, N.H. - The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team improved to 2-0 with a 160-135 victory at Plymouth State Nov. 11.

Double winners were senior captain Jody Stiefel in the 500 freestyle (6:10.50) and 1000 freestyle (12:47.05); senior captain Julie Abare in the 50 breaststroke (35.63) and 100 breaststroke (1:16.38); and freshman Dana LeDuke in the 50 butterfly (29.06) and the 100 butterfly (1:04.49).

Freshman Jenny Gilbert won the 50 backstroke (35.63). Also finishing first was the 200 medley relay team of Stiefel, Julie Abare, LedDuke and Gilbert.

Both teams recorded eight first places. Picking up key individual second places for the Owls were: Nicole Acheson (200 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle), Rachel Machkowsky (50 backstroke), Katie Abare (50 breaststroke), Gilbert (50 freestyle, 100 backstroke), and LedDuke (200 IM).

Moeller gives Lions new direction

BY NEIL BEST

NEWSDAY

Gary Moeller hasn't had much time to ponder the shocking turn his life has taken over the past 10 days, but there are moments when it hits him.

"It was such a whirlwind," he said. "You would get up in the morning and start getting ready to go to work, and you would think, What in the world?"

What in the world is a 59-year-old known primarily for his embarrassing exit from the University of Michigan doing as coach of the Detroit Lions - on a few hours' notice, armed with a stunning three-year contract?

It started with Bobby Ross' resignation on Nov. 6, one of the most unusual in NFL history. The Lions were 5-4 at the time. Even though Ross was suffering from physical ailments and from the stress of an up-and-down season, most expected him to make it to the end of the season.

Ross, known for his intensity as a coach, led Georgia Tech to a national championship in 1990 and the San Diego Chargers to a Super Bowl appearance in 1994.

But, at age 63, he was starting to break down. Moeller, the assistant head coach and linebackers coach, tried to counsel him.

"I think because of all his effort, more mentally than physically, he just got drained," Moeller said. "I said, 'Just be like Bear Bryant the last couple of years and stand by the goalpost with a hat on. You earned this. Sit back and enjoy it and let me do some of the work.' He said, 'I couldn't coach that way.' "

After the Lions lost to the Dolphins, 23-8, on Nov. 5, Ross quit the next day, and Owner William Clay Ford Sr. not only hired Moeller, but gave him a long-term contract and full power over football decisions. Five years after leaving Michigan following an arrest outside a restaurant in which he had been drinking heavily and being abusive, he found himself at the helm of one of the NFL's most tradition-rich franchises.

So far, so good. He won his professional head coaching debut, 13-10, over the Falcons Sunday, and faces his first road game this week, against the Giants. His players have praised his more relaxed approach and upbeat attitude compared to Ross.

"He's one of the guys," quarterback Charlie Batch said. "He'll say, 'OK, mistakes are going to happen.' ... You can tell he has his way of talking to a player and getting his point across."

To help him do so, the team gave him long-term security, an advantage most coaches who take over in midseason do not enjoy. "You have to get yourself together," Batch said, "because he knows he's going to be here and now it's a matter of guys having to play. There is no guarantee we'll be here next year."

Westfield Ice Hockey Team Edges Assumption, 3-2

WORCESTER - The Westfield State ice hockey team spoiled Assumption College's home opener by defeating the Greyhounds, 3-2.

The Owls took a 1-0 into the second period on a goal by freshman Bobby Shaw. Westfield also received a goal from senior captain Matt Fontaine, along with three assists by fellow senior Mike Fitzgerald and two assists by junior Brian Donnelly.

Also contributing strong efforts were freshmen forwards Ken Hetzel and Mike Palazzola, and defensemen Kevin Pelkey and Brian Huggon.

The game winning goal was scored by sophomore Ryan Lawless with 2:09 left in the third period. Westfield also received a tremendous performance from goalie Ardian Kalezic who made 33 saves.

"We proved to a lot of people what level this team is at. We also showed a great deal of character and heart. This was a tremendous win for us. I am proud of our team," said head coach Brian Ward.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 21
Men's Basketball
at Elms, 7:00

Westfield State Athletics Website

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WSC's 12th annual food drive
Please drop off non-perishable items in Parenzo mailroom by Dec. 1st

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Black Nikon 6x
Call Kevin x7550

WANTED:
Two big soft and shiny balls.
Call John x7867

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A slightly used German polka machine.
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Saturday, December 2, 2-4pm & 7-9pm
AT THE MULLINS CENTER
Contact Ann Rasmussen at
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NEEDED:
2 strapping young boys to help move furniture.
Call John x7867

Personals

Jen - you can be my Q.B.

J.S. - sorry about D.C.

Jay - Can't get enough of those freshman huh?

Stewart and Missy meet for the first time. The result? Ecstacy.

I do not know any Crissy or Jen

Kack is the best ball player at WSC! Go Owls!

John- I have liked you for so long, let's make babies together.
- your secret admirer

Jon, the Italian Stallion, lit up Gus for 25pts...What?

Ash,it's your B-Day! Party like a rock star!

How many exec. members does it take to kill a bee?

Happy B-Day Soap!

Scanlon RA's don't go through resident's laundry. WARD- get the facts! And that's the truth!

J.P. - hope your bruise goes away so you can wear shorts to the gym again. -L.S.

Does the angel on your tree match the rims on your car?

Thursday night is Ladies night...I miss you guys. Love, Meg

Our roommate thinks she is pregnant, and she didn't even have sex.

To all Faculty and Staff - Students support you!! Settle, Settle, Settle!

Jump on it.

Girls in 2D4 are hot.

I'm late for my meeting because I was stuffing my fat face!

Things are not always as they appear...open your eyes, unblock your eyes.

I love you...Jut

Class of 2001 President is a dog!

Roacha vs. "Dan the R.A." Friday at the nook

East Lee Playground

3C4..keep up with your chores!

You "all of a sudden" want what?

People do eat before one o'clock on Sundays, Subway!!!

I don't even know you - silly - get over it!

Pork n Cheese and Verd man.

Isn't it ironic that the one true lesson I'm going to take from WSC is that being an educator doesn't pay or get respect.

Hapy Birthday Devil! November 16th.

Labby is a Geck!

Dano loves the manos'

Even though we parted for the summer, we still grew together.

This school needs a Golden Tee game in the arcade.

Watch out girls - I'm about to blow!!

Hey Judd - you should talk to me next time you see me in the Commuter Caf. - your secret admirer

Was I the only person that didn't know there was no classes Friday.

Trifilo - you ain't no ho - yous my bro! -Andrea

Gina you suck as a landlord!

After three years I'm finally comfortable to fart in front of that someone special.

You think - I assume and we now disagree - sorry you were wrong.

R.B. is a druggie

4th floor ladies live on!

P.J. for captain. I demand a revote.

The 2 mikes in D2 are 2 sexy studs who rock my world!

Prepare yourself: Battle of the Sexes. Nov. 19th @7p.m.

Eamonn, she was 15, GROW UP.

My roommate has smelly feet.

Jeremy - Henry has left you permanently for the girls in D2.

Jon and Ryan, we would rather see you dipped in ketchup than in shaving cream.

Ghetto Booty!

McCarthy, how's your butt?

Hey C.B. - there's a first time for everything.

OG- wait I don't get it. Do I get the check or the shirt? Well, if I get the check then I can buy my own shrt.

Nick, how was the dome? Is the security there friendly?

Only true friends share toilets to puke together.

The Nook for life!!

Keith - 3-2-2, no overtime.

Eamonn, It's a rash Happy T-Day!

Gwen, It's a friday night; don't be so loud in the shower.

Matt "Jersey" , Stop studying me and come see me.

Karen, who's next on the football team?

Vee, I love you and always will.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

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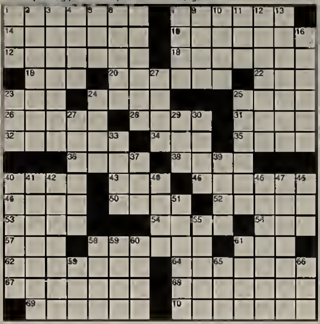
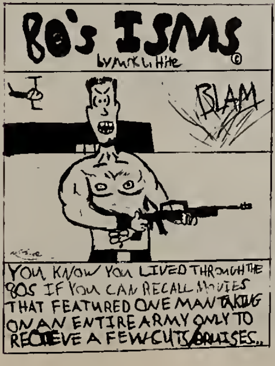


CHAOS by Brian Shuster

"You mean no one brought rope again? It's a good thing for us I carry this stapler!"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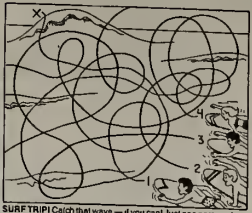

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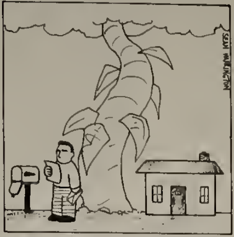
SKUNK WORKS by Sean Harrington



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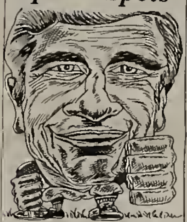
Sports Spots



Chuck Bednarik was the last of pro football's two-way ironmen. He earned induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame following 14 years (1949-1962) as a Philadelphia Eagles legend. Recently, while recalling his "salad" days, he said, "I played left-side linebacker on defense and center on offense. When the ball changed hands I just stayed out there. For 12 seasons I averaged 58 minutes a game. And one year I did the punting and placekicking. I must've been nuts." *Denis J. Harrington*

I WON! I WON! C'MON EVERYONE LETS HAVE A COLD ONE
IF BUSH WINS

♫ GIVE ME THAT OLD TIME RELIGION, GIVE ME THAT ♫ OLD TIME RELIGION... ♫
MUNCH MUNCH
FELLOW SINNERS, IT'S TIME WE BROUGHT BACK SOME OF THAT OLD TIME RELIGION. WHAT DOES THAT OLD TIME RELIGION MEAN TO YOU?
SACRIFICING VIRGINS?
ONE MORE TIME! ♫ GIVE ME THAT OLD TIME RELIGION... ♫
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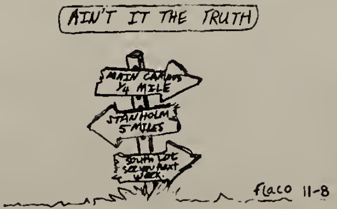

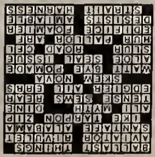

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 11/20	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office, Adjacent to 3rd World Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Toy Story 2" and "The Wood"	Channels 56&57
Tue 11/21	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Gladiator" and "You've Got Mail"	Channels 56&57

Wed 11/22

All Classes end at 12:20 p.m.
Have a nice break!

Thur 11/23

HAPPY TURKEY DAY!

No Classes
Happy Thanksgiving!

TURKEY-RIFIC!

The Week of 11/27-12/3

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 11/27	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office, Adjacent to 3rd World Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Pulp Fiction" and "The Road to El Dorado"	Channels 56&57
Tue 11/28	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs.Nichols College	Parenzo Gym
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Black & White" and "Center Stage"	Channels 56&57
Wed 11/29	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Email: wsc_gsa_l @hotmail.com
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Face Off' and "The Truman Show"	Channels 56&57
Thur 11/30	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Mission: Impossible 2" and "The Wood"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 12/1	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Gladiator" and "Toy Story 2"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Winter White Stag	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Video	Ely Lower Lounge
Sat 12/2	7:00 p.m.	WSC Ice Hockey vs. Bates College	Amelia Ice Rink
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Gladiator" and "Toy Story 2"	Channels 56&57
Sun 12/3	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	6:00 p.m.	WSC Ice Hockey vs. Central CT State	Amelia Ice Rink
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Gladiator" and "Toy Story 2"	Channels 56&57

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Dining Commons
Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services
(Nurse on duty) Sun 4p-12a, M-Th 8a-12a, F 8a-4p, Sat 12p-5p
(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

Wellness Center
Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p x5500 pool info

Library Hours
Mon-Thur 8a-11p Fri 8a-5p
Sat 1p-6p & Sun 1p-9p

Bookstore
M-Th 8:30a-5p Fri. 8:30a-4p
Sat. 11a-3p Sun. Closed

Subway
Mon-Fri 8a-11p Sat 12p-11p
Sun 1p-11p

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MTG presents Children of Eden

By Susie Barraso
Voice Reporter

The Musical Theatre Guild (MTG) is presenting *Children of Eden* from December 7 through December 9. According to the Director, Heather Bradwin, *Children of Eden* is a "very spiritual, fun musical for all ages."

The musical is based on the first nine chapters of the book of Genesis from the Bible. Act I focuses on Adam and Eve while Act II focuses on Noah's Ark.

Bradwin said that what attracted her most to this musical was its music. "I heard the music and I really, really liked it," said Bradwin. "The music is very difficult but very

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-Photo by Laura Cyr

Jim Fredenburg of the Class of 2001 plays "Father" in this year's MTG production of *Children of Eden*.

Res. Life defends RD pet privileges

Some students think the policy is unfair; MSCBA says it's WSC's call

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

Have you ever wondered why Resident Directors (RDs) are allowed to have pets on campus and students who live in the same buildings are not? According to Linda Snyder, member of the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (MSCBA), the decision to allow RDs to have pets was ultimately up to the college.

Jon Conlogue, Director of Residential Life, said that the state allowed them to proceed in permitting RDs to have pets on campus. "Following several discussions on this matter here on campus, I approached the Authority a couple of years ago about allowing RDs to have pets on a trial basis. Recognizing some of the points raised above, they allowed us to proceed," said Conlogue.

Snyder said that she was unaware that it was ever agreed on that RDs at Westfield State College could have pets, but that it was a localized college decision in the end anyway. "I don't ever remember that deal that we said it was ok for RDs to have pets on a trial basis; our insurance generally states that no pets are allowed on campus. However, we did tell Jon to use his own judgment in this situation because it is a local matter," she said.

Conlogue said that there were several factors involved in the decision to allow RDs to have pets. "Most important is that there are over 2,000 residents who might choose to have pets on campus, as compared with

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Res. Life sponsors concert to research lymphoma; Rane and Lloyds Hill play show

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

Bands Rane and Lloyds Hill played a concert to benefit cancer research in the Third World Room of Ely last week. The benefit was put on by Westfield State College's (WSC) Residential Life staff and all proceeds went to research lymphoma, cancer of the lymph nodes.

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Rane performed at last week's benefit concert..

Residential Life put on the benefit in honor of Bob Clark, a former WSC employee, said Jon Berman, the Resident Director of Davis Hall. Clark was a Resident Director, Apartment Manager, and Coordinator of Training while here at WSC, leaving in 1996 for employment at Tufts University.

Kathi Bradford, the Associate Director of Residential Life, said that when Clark was diagnosed with lymphoma, she wanted to do something to help out.

Originally, the benefit concert proceeds were to go directly to Clark, but he refused, asking for the proceeds to be given to lymphoma research instead, she said. "I've lost other friends to cancer, and I feel like this helps many others," Bradford said. She said that this benefit helps to keep Bob in our thoughts and prayers.

Bradford said that Sodexho donated food for the benefit. She said that Clark's wife, Tammy, had been the catering manager of Sodexho, which is why Sodexho helped out for the cause. "They were both part of the WSC community," she said.

The job of organizing the event was given to Jon Berman, Bradford said. Berman was responsible for booking Rane, a Hartford band, and Lloyds Hill, a WSC band, which were two bands he felt would help bring a crowd.

Rane is a five-member band consisting of Alan Veniscofsky (vocals and guitar), Ryan Bowman (electric guitars), Kurt Rinaldi (percussion and vocals), Travis LaMothe (drum set), and Dan Prindle (bass, cello, vocals). Bowman described the band as having many different influences, which

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Vice President of Facilities, Operations speaks at SGA

Robie urges students not to use phones to connect to internet

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Mandy Miranda, President of Student Government Association (SGA), welcomed Curt Robie and Pamela Mitchell - Crump to the SGA meeting last week as guest speakers.

Curt Robie, Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Operations, talked about many important campus issues. Robie made a big point about the phone service on campus. He urges all students to not use the telephone to connect to the internet; instead everyone should use the campus network. Robie said, "We can only make and receive so many calls at once." If people are hooking up to America Online by the phone and staying on all day, that is one less line that can be used for placing calls, he said.

Robie also talked about the many changes occurring at 333. He said, "We're putting the finishing touches on the computer lab in 333." Also, "the snack shop should be open in a couple of weeks at the latest," he said The school also will be replacing the carpets in the common areas of Davis and Dickinson during the semester break. Robie said, "We have to be careful about spending too much money on any one building so all buildings can receive equal financial attention." Robie also noted that the "hard chairs in the Ely theater will be changed to more comfortable soft chairs."

Miranda then introduced Pamela Mitchell-Crump, Assistant Director of Human Resources. Mitchell-Crump said, "Mandy asked me to come down and talk about what I do on campus" because many people know my name, but cannot put a face to it. Mitchell-Crump's job includes mentoring employees, handling discrimination complaints, and overseeing the hiring process from

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Former WSC student, class pres., becomes state senator's aide

PRESS RELEASE
FROM SENATOR KNAPICK

Senate Minority Whip Michael R. Knapik, (2nd Hampden & Hampshire) is pleased to announce that Tim G. Trull, son of Theresa and Thomas Trull, of Randolph, has joined his staff at the State House.

Trull is a 1996 graduate of Randolph High School and a 2000 graduate of Westfield State College. He works in Senator Knapik's Boston office, handling constituent services, writing and following legislation, along with working with the budget. "I am excited to have Tim as part of our team," said Knapik. "His work ethic, intelligence, and energy will be a valuable addition to our efforts in serving the citizens of the 2nd Hampden & Hampshire area," continued the Senator.

'Tim has proven to be well equipped to handle the amount of diverse issues a Legislative Aide would encounter," added Knapik. "I am confident in Tim's ability to assist in my goals as State Senator to work hard in helping and serving the people in my respective Senate district," concluded Knapik. Knapik was recently elected to his sixth term in the state legislature.

-File Photo

Tim Trull, a former WSC student, captain of the Cross Country team, and President of the Class of 2000, recently became an aide to Senate Minority Whip Michael Knapik.

While at Westfield State College, Tim was the Class President his sophomore, junior and senior year. He was a member of the cross-country and track team for four years, also serving as Captain of the cross-country team his junior and senior year. Tim was named to the All- Academic Team twice and made the Dean's List. 'I am really looking forward to working for Senator Knapik," added Trull. I have enjoyed my time here and am excited to help in Senator Knapik's goals in assisting the 2nd Hampden & Hampshire district any way I can," concluded Trull.

Knapik's Boston office is located in Room 309, State House. It is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Constituents may feel free to stop in the Boston office if they are in the area and speak to Trull or another staff member, or call (617) 722-1415.

Benefit Concert participants disappointed with turn-out

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brings a variety of sounds to the band. "The music we play is progressive, ambient, and groove," he said. "It transcends classification."

LaMothe said that the band has played other benefit shows recently as well. He said that they put on a show after Thanksgiving at the Powder Hollow Barn in Enfield, CT where they "collected about $300 worth of canned goods." He said that they also played a show in the early fall in honor of a 19-year old fan that had been killed in a car accident at the request of the fan's mother.

Bowman said that while the cause is good, they also played the show to get their name out. "This is the first time we've ever played at Westfield," he said. "I thought the show was rather random, but overall a success," he added, saying that he would like to come back to Westfield again.

Members of Lloyds Hill said that they enjoyed playing the show, and were glad to help out the cause. Justin Lamarre, a senior and Lloyds Hill bassist, said that the show went well and he was happy to do it for a good cause. "I'm glad the money went to benefit something," he said, "although I would've liked to see more people come."

D.J. Renzi, a junior and Lloyds Hill guitarist, said that he enjoyed playing the benefit as well. "I had a lot of fun and I'm glad we were able to help the cause," he said.

Many of the students who attended the benefit had positive comments about the performances and the cause afterwards. Lucie Grondin, a freshman, said that she came to see Lloyds Hill. "I think Lloyds Hill is awesome," she said. "I saw them at Rock the Vote and the Fall concert, and I came again tonight." She said that the bands were good to help bring people to the benefit, and was glad that all the money went to cancer research.

Senior Tim Moynihan said that he felt Rane did a great job and were incredible musicians. He said that he wished it had been advertised more to attract more students, and that it was good the money went to cancer research. "They should have more fund raising events for causes like this," he said.

Berman said that the benefit was successful in raising some money for the cause. "We made $231, which is pretty paltry, but it's more than what they [the cancer research organization] had," he said. He said that he wished more students had come out for the event though. "I think those students that didn't come would have really liked these bands," he said.

SGA announces Commuter activities

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placing advertisements to selecting the new employees.

Miranda noted that "the 'All I Want for Christmas Campaign' is underway. Any donations can be dropped off in the SGA office."

Jenn Brown of the Health Committee announced that "on December 13 there will be a blood drive in the Scanlon living room from 10am-3pm." Brown also said that anyone that gives blood will receive a coupon for a free Papa Johns pizza.

Maggie Smith, Vice President of Programming, mentioned the benefit coffeehouse that will be held on December 6 in the Ely Campus Center. Smith said, "For a donation of $5 [or its equivalent in gifts] you can receive a 'WSC Violation CD.'"

Colleen Fromm, Commuter Council President, announced this week as 'Commuter Week'" and there will be various activities for all commuters throughout the week. Activities include a pizza giveaway on Tuesday, the coffeehouse on Wednesday, a commuter car fair on Thursday, and free donuts , coffee, and bagels on Friday.

From the Editor's Desk

"Oh, so you went to a state college in Massachusetts, huh? Sorry, the position has been filled. Next please!"

A possible reply to a future employer who sees Westfield State on a resume.

Do you hope to get a decent job with Westfield State College on your resume? Then it is time for us to defend our educations against a reigning force that seeks to diminish the significance of our state college degrees. These forces have challenged us to a shoot-out and we have barely drawn our weapon. Until now, it has just been the state college faculty (the Massachusetts State College Association–www.mscaunion.org) vs. the enemies of the state (the social conservatives), but it is now time for students to join the fight.

The antagonists and leaders of the social conservatives Gov. Paul Cellucci, the Board of Higher Education-BHE (www.mass.edu), and the Pioneer Institute (www.pioneerinstitute.org) are in collaboration to eventually do away with public higher education. These people and their organizations, representing ultra-conservative views with aggressive privatization agendas, are members of a "higher-class" system, and thus products of it as well as its private college sector. They have already made moves to standardize the elementary and secondary school systems through the use of the MCAS exams, and according to stories in last week's Springfield Union News and Boston Globe, the BHE is working hard to design an exit exam that would assess students' writing, critical thinking, and computer skills. No other state college system in the nation has an exit exam. This proposal, not unlike many of their other proposals, aims to diminish free-teaching, free-learning, and free-thinking as we know it. Not every person learns, thinks and takes tests the same way, but the social conservatives believe this is the best way to hold students and teachers at all levels accountable, and in our case prove our incompetence as they have attempted to do with the Teacher Certification Test.

The social conservatives have been hard at work, quietly sabotaging the state college system for more than a decade, and if you are unaware of the facts, do not feel bad, since this is part of their attack strategy. If they move somewhat slowly and quietly, they believe they will be able to subconsciously sway the public into their school of thought without attracting too much media attention.

What this all comes down to mainly is money. Social conservatives believe in the "every-man-for-himself" ideal rather than the responsibility of a society that all contributes to the greater good. They believe that public education, especially public higher education, is a waste of tax payers' money. According to their website, the Pioneer Institute prefers private Charter Colleges to State Schools, and eventually hopes to convert all public higher education institutions into these Charter Colleges. The parents and families of the social conservatives all could afford to send them to private colleges, and they figure that anyone who could not afford the cost for private colleges should, for now, be attending community colleges. They have succeeded in convincing the Massachusetts residents that public education is not worth the investment of their hard-earned money. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Massachusetts now ranks 43rd among the 50 states in per-capita spending on education, and 50th, dead last, in per-capita spending on higher education. It is safe to say, judging from the results of the MCAS exams, that schools that receive more money from the state have better results on these kind of tests.

Social conservatives believe they can further discredit State Colleges by not treating them with respect they deserve. By not giving the faculty the raises that would keep up with inflation and the cost of living, social conservatives have demoralized our professors to the point that many are moving out of state, while many other new prospective teachers are looking elsewhere for job opportunities. Eventually, social conservatives hope that all decent faculty will be void of the State College system after years of hopeless negotiating and collective bargaining drains the strength out of a dwindling, pride-driven faculty that have spent their entire careers fighting to feed and clothe their families.

At this time the social conservatives are winning. The tax cuts question on the November 7th ballot passed; this only further damages the chance of public education making a comeback in a state that is viewed by many as a leader in Education Standards. Cellucci's "Education Reform" will be the end of the integrity of public higher education in Massachusetts, and thus negate the value of our hard earned and well-invested in diplomas.

It is time we take a stand against the social conservatives and form our own plan of attack. It is time we do what social conservatives are hoping we don't have the intellect for and unite with other state college students to defend the value of our degrees. It is time to inform ourselves and protect our futures. It is time to convince the public that State Colleges are a respectable alternative to private colleges for the middle and working class populations of this state. It is time for us to stick up for ourselves and not continue to be shot at blindly and with no rebuttal. It is time to resist the forces that would have us labeled as second class citizens. It is time to stand up and be counted.

An open informational forum on how we can defend our educations and protect our future job opportunities will be held Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Third World Room. Every student and faculty member should be there, since this issue pertains to all of us. With good numbers and a solid strategy, we could win this fight and protect the integrity of State Colleges. I'll see you there....

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

In downtown Westfield decorations have been put up to celebrate the holiday season. On Page 10, WSC students comment on the commercialization of Christmas.

Children of Eden retells stories from the Bible

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intriguing."

Jonathan Plouffe, who plays Noah, the lead male role in Act II, agrees that the music is one of the greatest highlights of the show. "The music is gorgeous," said Plouffe. "I like theatre, I love music, so this brings me to both."

Robert Duval plays the role of Cain in Act I. He says the thing that attracted him most to this show was "the blend of emotions that the play is based on."

Kendra Kachadoorian, the lead female role in Act I, Eve, agrees that the play is very emotional. "It's an emotional rollercoaster, you're laughing one moment and then you're crying the next," said Kachadoorian. "It's so beautiful. It's a very different story and it has a lot of meaning and depth behind it."

Kachadoorian is also the Music Director and said that her greatest challenge with the musical was teaching the actors all the music. "I teach all the harmonies, the melodies and the solos," said Kachadoorian. "It takes a lot out of me, but it's totally worth it because the cast is so wonderful and they're all extremely, extremely talented."

Jennifer Hines plays the role of Yonah in Act II. Hines said her greatest challenge with *Children of Eden* was the time dedication involved. "It's very time consuming," said Hines. "We rehearse Sunday through Thursday."

A'ndrea Blake is the Vice President of MTG, the Assistant Director of the musical and plays the role of Mama Noah in Act II. Blake says the greatest challenge she faces with *Children of Eden* is being a director and playing a lead role. "It's hard being up there and not saying [to cast members] 'you need to be over there' and letting Heather do it," said Blake.

Blake also said that she doesn't believe the MTG gets the credit it deserves on campus. "We do so much on our own. We produce the show, we direct it, we put it up, we do everything. Faculty doesn't help us," said Blake. "I think people don't know how much we actually do on our own and how independent we are. A lot of people don't take us seriously. We put so much into it and we care so much about it and we put on a good show."

Blake said that *Children of Eden* is different from other musicals that the MTG has presented. "It's really spiritual, really touching. It's not *Grease*. It has some substance to it," said Blake. "When I've seen them on stage, they've made me cry so many times, just in rehearsal."

When cast members were asked if there was anything else that students should know before coming to see the show, Kachadoorian said that she would like people to know that she's worked "with an amazing cast and I'm so proud to be a part of *Children of Eden*."

Plouffe piped in with a suggestion. "Bring tissues," said Plouffe. "It's definitely a tearjerker."

The play will be performed in Dever Auditorium in Parenzo Hall. The musical will be shown from Thursday December 7 to Saturday December 9 at 8pm and 2pm on Saturday, December 9. Tickets for *Children of Eden* are available at the Service Window in Ely.

Res. Life says pet option helps recruit good RD candidates for the job

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only six RDs. With this small a pet population, we can effectively minimize health, safety, allergy, and other issues that would inevitably arise if pets were more prevalent in our campus facilities," said Conlogue.

"The MSCBA does not usually get involved in day-to-day issues," said Snyder. "Especially with health and safety issues, we do generally let the colleges decide for themselves."

Dave Sauder, RD of the apartments, said that he thinks students can't have pets because they are not always responsible enough. "If people were responsible, maybe they would change the rules, but I have seen cats left here over break by people who had them in the apartments and fish that were left for a month and almost liquefied. Plus, we live here year-round, so we don't have a winter or a summer break when we could leave our pets here alone anyway," he said.

Conlogue agreed with Sauder and said that the RDs are here all year, even when students are not. "RDs are full-time professionals who are present year-round, while students are not. Being here constantly makes the proper care of any pet an easier task for our RDs," said Conlogue.

Jon Berman, RD of Davis Hall said that it would be hard to attract people to a job if you tell them they can't have things that they could if they lived off-campus. "It would be almost impossible to attract people to the RD positions if you tell them they can't have something, and they need people to fill those RD spots. They need professionals...we aren't students," he said.

"There is a need to remain in competition with other surrounding schools," said Conlogue. "Recently, there has been a shortage of excellent RD candidates and an abundance of RD positions, and we want to continue to do what we can to attract good people to our staff. Given that our salary structure is quite rigidly defined by the college and other position benefits are set by state contracts, we must continually seek other ways to make our college attractive to prospective RDs. The ability to have pets is a factor that candidates have frequently asked about in recent years, and we felt that our previous policy placed us at a disadvantage," said Conlogue.

Snyder said that personally she feels that there should be no one allowed to have pets on campus. "Residence Halls are no place for animals. I think it would be preferable to have one standard," she said.

When students were asked if they thought this policy was a fair one, the reply was unanimously negative. "I do not think it's fair...RDs should be here to set a good example and if we can't have pets, they shouldn't be able to either," said Jill Dwyer, resident of the apartments.

Davis resident Paul Devine said that he thinks it's not fair that RDs can have pets and students cannot. "It is completely unfair. Everyone on campus should follow the same rules," said Devine.

" It is definitely not fair. We as students have just as much responsibility as the RDs do," said apartments

Voice of The Week

Heather Bradwin

POSITION AT WSC: DIRECTOR OF THE MTG PRESENTATION OF 'CHILDREN OF EDEN'

HOMETOWN: BRIDGEWATER, MA

FAMILY: 1 BROTHER, 1 SISTER AND MOM

ALMA MATER: GRADUATED FROM WSC IN SPRING 2000

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: THE EXPERIENCE OF MUSICAL THEATRE GUILD

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: HAVING TO PASS THE TEACHER'S TEST

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News Briefs

Last week's Top 5 VHS rentals:

1.``M:I-2" (2000). Hong Kong action-meister John Woo brings his marvelous visual sense and showy flair to this follow-up to the 1996 blockbuster. Tom Cruise, looking a bit shaggier but still appropriately steely eyed in this new incarnation of special agent Ethan Hunt, is one of ``M:I-2's" strongest weapons. With Dougray Scott, Thandie Newton and Ving Rhames. PG-13, for intense sequences of violent action and some sensuality.

2.``The Patriot" (selected theaters). An epic look at America's war for independence that is more serious and skillful than might be expected from the team that gave the world ``Independence Day." But the benefits of star Mel Gibson's charisma aside, its attempt to blend a broad canvas with an intimate family story is not completely successful. R for strong war violence.

3.``Frequency" (2000). An effective but overreaching sci-fi thriller directed by Gregory Hoblit (``Primal Fear") that explores what happens in the present if you find a way to redo the past. The story about a police detective (Jim Caviezel) who communicates with his long-dead father (Dennis Quaid) is enjoyable until the greedy final section. PG-13 for intense violence and disturbing images.

4.``Rules of Engagement" (2000). This courtroom-combat drama_directed by veteran William Friedkin and starring Tommy Lee Jones, Samuel L. Jackson and an impressive Guy Pearce is a moderately diverting entertainment that raises all kinds of thought-provoking questions it's not really interested in answering. R for scenes of war violence and for language.

5.``Return to Me" (2000). A love story that's as fresh as tomorrow yet honors the traditions of Hollywood's most cherished tear-jerkers. David Duchovny and Minnie Driver star in career-enhancing roles. A triumph for Bonnie Hunt, who directed, co-wrote the script and co-stars as Driver's sister. With Carroll O'Connor in a welcome return to the big screen. PG for language and thematic elements.

Lost colony in Maine

POPHAM BEACH, Maine - Occasionally when twins are born prematurely and under difficult circumstances, one dies, the other lives, and it's never clear why. Chance and circumstance seem to favor one. The other is lost, and its history remains forever brief and mysterious.

Post-Elizabethan England gave birth to such a set of twins - two American colonies - in 1607. One was named Jamestown. It survived; its descendants are alive today. The other was named Popham. It was abandoned, its remains were buried and forgotten.

You can read about Jamestown, the famous colony in Virginia, in any American history textbook. Some day, that may also be true of its lost twin, the Popham Colony, whose grave has been found and is being meticulously unearthed in Maine.

The remnant of the Popham Colony, on a bluff where the Kennebec River enters the Atlantic Ocean, is one of the most important archaeological sites ever found in the United States.

Decibals getting higher, journalism isn't

By Howard Kurtz
Washington Post

It is, at bottom, a story that journalism can feel good about.

The Florida fiasco is not a tabloid tale or sensational saga - no Gap dress, no bloody glove, no dead celebrities, no crazy Miami relatives (just crazy Palm Beach chad-counters). It's a story of great political and constitutional importance. And in a strange way it's more interesting than the presidential campaign that preceded it.

So why does it feel like the whole shebang has been dumped into the Monica machine, the volume cranked way up until the partisan sniping reaches earsplitting levels? Has the media blab-a-thon become so powerful that it overwhelms and distorts everything in its path?

The answer appears to be yes. In a reprise of the sex vs. perjury impeachment debate, television has provided a round-the-clock platform for the increasingly shrill rhetoric on both sides. The ratings are good as the talking heads talk and the sign-waving protesters play to the cameras. The atmosphere is all crisis, all the time.

To be sure, the Bush-Gore showdown has been very, very good to the lawyers and legal analysts who had all but vanished from the small screen since their Lewinsky heyday: Jonathan Turley, Stuart Taylor, Vicki Toensing, Barbara Olson, Laura Ingraham, Paul Rothman, Roy Black, Dick Thornhurgh. But it's been a little hard on America's nerves.

``What you are witnessing, Mr. and Mrs. America, is the high-tech theft of an election!" Rep. J.D. Hayworth, R-Ariz., declared on Fox's ``Hannity & Colmes."

``We're watching a modern-day version of ballot-box stuffing!" Sean Hannity said.

``You guys have been trying to block the vote in Palm Beach County for two weeks," Bill Press told Mary Matalin on CNN's ``Crossfire."

``You've changed your standards four times in the process of the recount," Matalin replied.

As for the reporting, viewers have gotten to watch the sausage-making close up. Most of last Tuesday was deadly: all noise and no news. When the Florida Supreme Court spokesman walked out to the microphones at 4:50 p.m., CNN carried this headline: ``No decision on whether to release a decision tonight." When the ruling in favor of Vice President Al Gore was finally made public at 9:45, correspondents began analyzing the 42-page opinion after only a minute or two.

The next day, however, brought Dick Cheney hospitalized with what turned out to be a mild heart attack (unleashing a flood of medical experts); Gov. George W. Bush criticizing the Florida court ruling; Bush suing over military absentee ballots; Miami-Dade County abruptly ending its hand recount; Gore suing Miami-Dade; Bush appealing the Florida high court ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court; a Broward hearing on dimpled ballots; and so on.

Friday careened from Cheney's hospital release to a GOP demonstration on absentee ballots to a Joe Lieberman appearance to the Supreme Court's decision to hear Bush's case. Journalists did pretty well just by keeping pace.

But the overheated nature of much of the coverage contrasts rather sharply with the relaxed Thanksgiving mood of most Americans as this high-decibel story keeps echoing across the airwaves.

Footnote: The New York Post is doing an increasingly poor job of hiding its presidential preference, with such screaming headlines as ``GORE GETS DESPERATE" and ``AL JUST DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT."

Testing pollutants on humans stirs debate

By Marla Cone
Los Angeles Times

Every morning for six months, 100 volunteers in San Bernardino, Calif., are dutifully swallowing pills.

But these human volunteers - recruited by Loma Linda University Medical Center and paid $1,000 apiece - are not testing a new medication. The pills contain an industrial pollutant called perchlorate, a chemical found in rocket fuel.

The experiment, which is funded by aerospace giant Lockheed Martin, is designed to see whether perchlorate pollution is harmful to human health. The intent is to develop data that could influence the setting of national and state drinking-water standards.

The unusual research raises ethical questions about whether scientists should allow volunteers to ingest chemicals or pesticides in a quest to understand the dangers of environmental contaminants. Several small, industry-funded experiments on human volunteers have been conducted in recent years to test some compounds for which the risks of consuming low levels are poorly understood - as is the case with perchlorate.

The perchlorate test, which began in August, reportedly is the first large-scale study to use human volunteers to test a water pollutant.

Scientists who perform these human experiments compare them to clinical trials for drugs. In fact, high doses of perchlorate have been used, in rare cases, to treat hyperthyroidism.

But some medical ethicists say there is one big difference: People who test drugs are helping society find treatments for sick people. Consuming a pollutant has no medical benefits.

``These tests are inherently unethical," said Richard Wiles, research director of the Environmental Working Group, a national environmental group opposed to human clinical trials for pollutants.

In the perchlorate tests, volunteers swallow as much as 3 milligrams daily - 83 times more than a person would get from drinking water containing the amount allowed by California's Department of Health Services.

At high doses, perchlorate can inhibit production of thyroid hormones. Normal thyroid function is critical for regulating the growth of fetuses and young children and regulating metabolism in adults.

But scientists are trying to figure out whether small doses such as those found in some water supplies interfere with thyroid glands.

A study published this year shows that infants in the Lake Mead area of Arizona - where water contains perchlorate - are born with altered thyroid function. But other studies, in perchlorate-contaminated areas of Nevada and Chile, have shown no such effects.

``As an endocrinologist, this is of interest to me because clearly we don't know what the effects of the contaminant are on thyroid function," said Dr. Anthony Firek, who is directing the perchlorate study at Loma Linda University Medical Center. ``I hope this (research) will help define the risks."

The volunteers in the Loma Linda test signed a consent form stating that perchlorate ``may affect the way the thyroid gland works." Half of the 100 volunteers ingest perchlorate; half get a placebo.

Concerned about recent examples of human testing of pesticides, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sought advice from its scientific advisory board. The panel, in a report issued in September, supported human testing on a limited scale but urged ``the greatest degree of caution."

Two of the 12 scientists felt even stronger, advocating that EPA refuse to consider all human tests. They called the studies dangerous and insufficient to judge the safety of pollutants, especially for children.

``This recommendation lays the groundwork for a flood of ... research that should not be conducted and should not be accepted by EPA for regulatory purposes," wrote Dr. Herb Needleman of University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Dr. J. Routt Reigart of Medical University of South Carolina.

No government agency regulates human experiments. But a special review board at each participating institution must approve each study before it can take place.

In the case of the Loma Linda study, the boards of three medical institutions approved the perchlorate tests, Firek said. In addition to Loma Linda, the study was approved by Boston University - which employs one of the researchers - and the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical center, where some of the tests are being done.

In 1997, a similar study by a private California laboratory, McLaren/Hart-ChemRisk, involved five volunteers drinking chromium 6. Chromium 6 is a known carcinogen when inhaled, although the risks when swallowed in water are unknown. The idea was to see how much chromium entered volunteers' bloodstream.

Also, a smaller perchlorate study, involving nine volunteers who drank it for seven weeks, was conducted at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Their report, published in August, found no thyroid changes.

Firek said if perchlorate was only a pollutant and not a drug, he would have declined to conduct the human tests. Perchlorate is used in rare cases to treat people with hyperthyroidism, at a very large daily dose of 200 to 1,200 milligrams.

``Because we have a track record with it since the 1950s, we know what the side effects are. We know what the risks are (at higher doses). So then we can feel comfortable with doing a study like this," Firek said.

The volunteers in the Loma Linda University experiment are undergoing extensive medical testing to ensure they face no threats while ingesting the compound. Included are monthly tests to measure their thyroid, liver and kidney function. If an individual experiences any changes, he or she would stop taking the pills, according to the volunteers' consent forms.

Pregnant or nursing women are banned as volunteers, and all female volunteers must be sterile or post-menopausal.

Lockheed Martin's funding of the study was disclosed to the Loma Linda volunteers.

The company, according to the consent form, ``is involved in the manufacture of products like rocket fuel which contain perchlorate, and therefore has an interest in the outcome of this study."

The EPA does not regulate perchlorate, but it has mounted a review to consider setting a standard.

Nationwide perchlorate testing of water supplies will begin next year.

The Environmental Working Group has campaigned against human testing since 1998, upon learning that a California pesticide company - Amvac Chemical Corp. -hired a lab in England to feed insecticide to human volunteers.

While human testing is new and controversial when it comes to water pollutants and pesticides, it has been routinely used in air pollution experiments for more than half a century.

Researchers in several institutions - including the EPA - use smog chambers to expose volunteers to ozone, particulates and other air pollutants. Some of the tests are conducted on sensitive people - asthmatics and seniors.

The main difference is that smog and particulates are pervasive, so the volunteers are exposed to something they routinely breathe. Also, a contaminant that is ingested rather than inhaled is more likely to travel throughout the body.

Netherlands legislature ok's bill to make mercy killing easier

BY KEITH RICHBURG
WASHINGTON POST

PARIS - The Netherlands' main legislative body Tuesday approved a bill making mercy killing and doctor-assisted suicide far easier, once again displaying the Dutch penchant for pushing the boundaries of conventional thinking on controversial social topics.

Tuesday's vote, by the lower house of parliament, would essentially legalize what has in fact been a long-standing practice in the Netherlands. Doctors now are rarely prosecuted for performing assisted suicides for terminally ill patients, but the new law essentially lays out guidelines to regulate the termination of life.

The bill, which passed by a 104-to-40 margin over the objections of a small Christian party, must still be approved by the Senate, but that is considered largely a formality. The new law, which is being called the world's most tolerant in the area of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, will likely take affect next year.

A number of the world's countries tolerate mercy killing. Physician-assisted suicide has been legal under certain circumstances since 1997 in Oregon under the state's Death with Dignity Act.

Under the new rules in the Netherlands, a doctor will be allowed to perform an assisted suicide if he is convinced that the patient's request is well considered, if the patient's suffering is "unbearable," and if the doctor consults with another, independent physician who also examines the patient. Doctors will not be allowed to propose suicide as an option, and must make all other alternatives known.

A regional "review committee" will recommend a doctor-assisted suicide for criminal prosecution only if there is some doubt that all those criteria were met.

In another far-reaching move, the new law also allows for "advanced directive," meaning that patients can make written declarations stating that they wish to end their life when they reach a certain point, such as the advanced stage of a terminal disease. Doctors would be free to act on those written declarations once all the other criteria are met.

An earlier draft of the bill, which drew the most criticism, would have allowed children as young as 12 to request euthanasia in certain cases without the consent of their parents. But that section was changed so that now children between the aged of 12 and 16 need parental consent. Teenagers 17 and older can decide for themselves, although their parents must be consulted.

Recognizing common social practices and decriminalizing them has become a Dutch hallmark, making the country a dangerous trendsetter to some, and to others a laboratory for progressive social experimentation.

The Dutch have the most liberal drug laws in Europe, allowing, for example, marijuana users to purchase the drug legally at licensed "coffee shops." Prostitution has long been legal, and this year brothels have been legalized and are subject to government regulation and regular inspections. And also this year the Netherlands became the first country to legalize same-sex marriages.

China's new tune encourages U.S. entertainment industry

BY ANTHONY KHUN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIJING _ A Tower Records on the Great Wall? The Forbidden City Virgin Megastore? HMV in the PRC?

While such fantasy scenarios are still a long way off, China's imminent accession to the World Trade Organization has U.S. companies preparing to move into one of the last areas of China's potentially lucrative entertainment market still off-limits to foreigners: distribution of music and videos.

Currently, foreign companies can license Chinese partners to produce entertainment products in China but are shut out of distribution and retailing.

To take advantage of the opening, U.S. companies will have to wrest market share away from bootleggers. According to industry insiders, pirated products claim at least 90 percent of the entertainment market in China, and high customs taxes put legitimate products out of reach of many Chinese consumers.

But U.S. entertainment marketers are optimistic that, by increasing the number of imported titles, cutting middlemen out of the distribution chain and introducing Western retailing techniques, they can begin to turn the tide in their favor.

In September, U.S. entertainment companies were encouraged when Culture Minister Sun Jiazheng said in New York that China will allow foreign investors to set up joint-venture stores to sell music and videos directly to Chinese consumers, a market worth an estimated $7 billion annually.

Sun did not say when the market would be opened, but the pledge is in line with China's commitment to open the retailing sector to foreign investment once it joins the WTO.

Despite the piracy and other problems here, Western entertainment industry executives have welcomed China's pledges, noting that they open the door, at least in theory, to a massive market.

"The market potential is tremendous," said Sam Ho, assistant Asia-Pacific director for the Motion Picture Association's international arm. "According to Chinese government statistics, there are more than 30 million CD players in the country. If there's that much hardware, then the software demand is going to be great."

Ho said Sun's remarks seemed to signal a new phase. "In the past, you could do things in China but not speak about them publicly," he said. "The message now is that the door is open."

In China, most music and video stores are small, one-room storefronts. Only four stores in China have more than 10,000 items for sale, tiny by industry standards, according to the official Press and Publications News. Music titles are too few to be divided by artist. Special displays of new products are rare. The Western music section often consists of a few Michael Jackson, Kenny G or Yanni discs.

According to official statistics, China produces about 200 million compact discs and cassette tapes annually, slim pickings for the country's more than 60,000 retailers.

China's system for distributing audiovisual products is an antiquated network of publishing houses licensed by the government. The houses control the quantity of titles that are distributed by wholesalers.

With the market for legitimate products in a slump, about half of the publishing houses operate in the red. Revenue dropped from $217 million in 1997 to $144 million last year, according to figures from China's Press and Publications Administration. In a move to protect government publishers and strike at bootleggers, China in March began requiring companies to get government approval to sell audiovisual products through the Internet.

By contrast, black-market purveyors, with their marketing savvy and efficient networks for selling pirated music and movies, are the envy of legitimate companies. "Their distribution channels are much better than ours," said a Hollywood studio's China-based manager, who requested anonymity.

Western executives familiar with the Chinese market caution that distributing and retailing such products in China will be tough.

"There are some significant hurdles in the retail business," said Frank Martin, president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.

"Anyone getting into this market must know it's going to be a competition between legitimate enterprises and pirates. The problem is endemic, and the (Chinese) government has a long way to go before they get control of it."

Taiwan teens hot for Japenese pop culture

BY PHILLIP PAN
WASHINGTON POST

TAIPEI, Taiwan - Every afternoon, Taiwanese teen-agers in school uniforms crowd into the Mag Freak store in Taipei's fashionable Hsimenting district, eagerly scanning the latest fanzines for glossy snapshots of their favorite pop singers. Others pore over fashion magazines, mesmerized by the stylish outfits on the young stars whose TV dramas they adore. In the background, a stereo pulses with one hit tune after another.

The stars, the music, the fashions and the magazines aren't Taiwanese, or Chinese, or even American.

It's Japanese pop culture that has seized the imagination of Taiwanese teenyboppers. They worship Kyoko Fukada, not Britney Spears. They favor Japanese designer labels, not the Gap.

They're so gaga over Japanese pop that they buy magazines printed in a language they can't read.

"We buy them for the photos," explained Chen Yiting, 19, a graphic artist with hair dyed brown, Tokyo-style. "I love these guys, their music, their TV shows," she said, flipping through a magazine featuring her favorite Japanese buy band, V-Six. "I've got their CDs, their videos, their photos and a poster of them, too."

There's even a new phrase to describe those obsessed with Taiwan's neighbor across the East China Sea: harizu@, which roughly translates as "the tribe with a craving for Japan."

The harizu phenomenon is another sign that the cultural divide between China and this island it hopes to reclaim is growing even wider.

File photo.

A Taiwanese youth checks out Japenese magazines.

In China, teen-agers' attitudes toward Japan are colored by the struggles of their parents and grandparents against Japanese aggression during World War II, as well as by history books that emphasize such Japanese war atrocities as the Rape of Nanking. In a recent, informal poll on a popular Internet portal, 65 percent of young Chinese named Japan as their least favorite country.

Taiwanese attitudes toward Japan are more complicated. Japan took the island as a spoil of war in 1895 and governed it with an iron fist for a half-century.

Veterans who battled Japan's imperial forces quietly grumble about how the Japanese are winning a cultural war after losing the military one. But many Taiwanese say the Japanese were efficient and fair rulers, and laid the foundation for the island's economic success.

When Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government fled to Taiwan after losing the Chinese civil war to the Communists in 1949, it sought to erase Japan's influence on the island, banning or strictly limiting Japanese movies, music, television programs and other cultural products.

But as Taiwan became more democratic, the restrictions were gradually lifted and what began as a trickle of Japanese products has become a flood.

Every weekend, young Taiwanese flock to Hsimenting, to show off the Japanese street style they pick up from magazines and television: glossy bronzing makeup, stiff pigtails that jut out horizontally, super-high platform boots and cutesy Hello Kitty accessories.

"I like Japanese clothes, Japanese makeup, Japanese television, and my favorite band is Luna Sea," said Yang Kexin, 18, naming a Japanese version of the Backstreet Boys. "American culture is too mature, the clothes are too casual. But Japan is trendy, hot, explosive."

More than half the 3,000 magazines for sale at Mag Freak are Japanese. The island's most popular comic books are made in Japan. The most profitable department stores are Japanese. Children clamor for all manner of Japanese gadgets and toys,

Four cable stations broadcast Japanese shows 24 hours a day, everything from teen dramas to cooking programs. A Japanese cartoon about a robotic cat from the future is one of the island's top five programs. Taiwanese and Hong Kong melodies still lead the charts, but many are influenced by Japanese sounds and rhythms.

Huang Zhi-chao, the host of a popular music video program that counts down Japan's Top 10, says it's natural for Taiwanese teen-agers to turn to Japan rather than the United States. Japanese shows portray an Asian society similar to Taiwan's. Japanese clothes fit them better. The faces of Japanese stars resemble their own.

But perhaps more than anything, Taiwanese teen-agers prefer Japanese products because they are "cute."

"Look, Britney Spears is just too sexy for Taiwan. But the Japanese star Ayumi (Hamasaki)? She's cute," Huang said. "That's the key difference. America may be cool, but Japanese things are cute. And the Taiwanese like cute."

But even some Japanese who are profiting from the craze are concerned. Junro Okumura, editor of Taipei Walker magazine, compared it to Japan's obsession with American culture. "Yes, all this is good for my business," he said. "But is it good for Taiwan? I'm not sure."

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

In last week's Campus Voice, a concerned student wrote a letter to the editor regarding the issue of rape and sexual assault on this campus. In it, she expressed frustration and disgust at the apparent indifference and ignorance that the college community shows with regards to the subject. This is an issue that has bothered me for a long time, and I feel it's time to share my thoughts.

OK. First off, let me make a little disclaimer here. I am fully aware that women do in fact rape men. And while this is just as wrong, I don't intend on addressing that in this column. Statistically, these incidents are FAR less frequent in general, and just about unheard of on this campus. Instead, I'll be talking about the more common situation of a male attacking a female.

For any freshmen guys who are reading these words, this is going to sound really familiar. If you were at Orientation this summer, you've already heard the other OL's and me say it. For the rest of you, well, I find it unfortunate that I even need to address the subject. I had kind of hoped that the concept "DONT RAPE" was sort of intuitive, up there with "eat" and "sleep."

Unfortunately, this doesn't seem to be the case. Already this semester, there have been three rapes and one sexual assault reported on campus. The key word there is "reported." Studies have shown that authorities are notified in as few as one in three such attacks. Do the math. It would be safe to conclude that at least twelve rapes or assaults have occurred at WSC this year. Way back in September, in my very first column, I stated that I wanted to write because I saw so much behavior on this campus that confused or disgusted me. Well, I can't think of a more perfect example.

Rape is always wrong. Rape is always evil. I suppose some people would argue with me on that point. Well, I don't care. It's one of the few points that I am unwavering on. There is no excuse for it, and the perpetrator, assuming the crime did indeed occur, is always to blame. No question. But you already know this. You know that rape is bad. You know that sexual assault leaves the survivor with horrible emotional scarring. So why is it going on? And why are so few people doing anything to stop it? More specifically, why aren't more men speaking out against it?

Over the years, I've been to a few seminars on rape and sexual assault. I couldn't help but notice that in nearly every case, the presenter was a woman. The few times that I have seen a male get up to lecture, it's always been to present statistics, give self defense demonstrations, or warn other men of the legal implications of rape. While this information is undoubtedly important, it further perpetuates the notion that rape is a woman's problem. The fact is, actual rapes against women are not going to stop until everyone, men and women both, decide it is not going to he tolerated.

You may be reading this right now, shaking your head, and asking what this has to do with you. Maybe you're smiling, and thinking that you've heard all this before. Well, I wonder if you're one of those guys out there that have ever "hooked up" with a girl under the influence of alcohol. Have you? If so, then go look up the legal definition of sexual assault, because there's an enormous chance that you've committed it. The only difference is you haven't been reported. Maybe you're not smiling anymore. Good. Because it's nothing to smile about.

Frankly, alcohol and sex do not mix. Around one hundred percent of the rapes that occur on this campus happen while one or both parties are under the influence. The problem is, I can't tell any of you what to do. I can share with you my thoughts on the matter. I'll give you my opinion. But I can't force my values on anyone. Ultimately, you're the one who is going to be at the party. You're the one who has to decide whether to accept another beer, or do another shot, when you can already feel your judgment slipping. You're the one who may have a girl throwing herself at you. You may have to make some really tough decisions right there on the spot. You need to think with a clear mind, and you need to get in touch with your moral principles. We all have to start accepting responsibility for our actions, and stop using drunkenness as an excuse for idiocy.

I think every guy reading this column has heard that we need to be careful in situations involving alcohol and sex. We could end up being accused of rape. It would be her word against ours. Even if we were innocent, our reputation would be doomed. These are all valid points. But let's consider, just for a moment, a deeper issue. Let's decide we're going to avoid drunken hookups. But maybe we should avoid them, not out of fear of legal implications, but because doing so would be more respectable. Making advances on a woman who is drunk, whether she consents to it or not, is simply not cool.

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Maybe I'm a romantic. Maybe I'm old fashioned. Or maybe I'm just a dork. But I always felt that random drunken hookups were generally pretty scummy. Trust me, your sense of manhood isn't going to called into question if you don't have sex with a woman every time the opportunity arises. Is that girl from your History class throwing herself at you? Is the temptation just too much? Well, imagine that it was your sister, throwing herself at some other drunken cretin. You may see the situation from a new perspective. Would you want him to take advantage of that situation? I didn't think so. A far classier move would be to watch out for her the rest of the night, see that she makes it home safely, and give her a call in a couple days.

A lot of people have told me that the women on this campus are as much to blame as the men. That they are just as eager to get drunk and get laid as any of the guys. Fine. I don't know if that's true or false, but as far as I'm concerned, it doesn't really make a difference. You don't need to lower your own standards to match those of people around you. Simply choose to rise above them. The fact remains, that if every guy on this campus decided that he was going to start treating women with respect; that he was going to speak out against rape and sexual assault; that he was going to make an effort to stop it, then these terrible crimes would cease to occur. It seems so simple. So why isn't it happening?

Despite all the apparent ignorance and apathy on this campus, however, there is hope. MARASA, or Men Against Rape And Sexual Assault, was formed by RD Steph Boykin and a handful of Scanlon Hall residents last year and is a wonderful organization. Steph spoke to the incoming freshmen at Orientation this summer, explaining to them the philosophy of MARASA. I saw a great deal of interest generated, with hundreds of new students apparently ready to join up. Though the ranks of MARASA have indeed grown this semester, I have to wonder where those hundreds are now. Did sexual assault somehow become less important in the few weeks between Orientation and Move In Day? If you have a work schedule like mine, you may not be able to make MARASA's bi-weekly meetings. However, that doesn't mean that you can't support them. They have already put on a number of wonderful fund-raisers and benefits. Check them out. It doesn't take a whole lot to make a small difference.

You may still be wondering what my point is. I'm not sure that I really have a coherent one. I do know, however, that there are some things in this world that have no place, and rape is one of them. My silly little column is not going to change anything. I know that. But if we all decide that sexual assault and rape will not be tolerated, if women will better educate themselves about the dangers out there and start looking out for one another, if men will promise themselves that they will start respecting women like they were all their mothers, sisters and aunts, then who knows what will happen? Let's not sit around and wait for a loved one to be assaulted. Now's the time. It's time to make a change.

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The Cut

CHRIS WARD

Wazzup Westfield? I had the occasion to do some traveling just prior to Thanksgiving, and Buddha is a little pissed at me because I didn't get him what he asked for, but I was afraid to sneak drugs through the airport.

The school's IR (International Relations) Club, of which I'm a member, did our first ever back-to-back conferences in Atlanta and Chicago the week prior to Thanksgiving, spending about three days or so in each city. There's going to be another article all about that later so I'll just slip in a few thoughts on some of the most memorable aspects.

The first leg of the journey was Hartford to Atlanta, layover in Pittsburgh. The first flight was the "Devil child kicking the back of my seat" flight, which was good timing because it was early in the trip and I was still fresh so I wouldn't have to pull his precious little foot through the chairs and hobble him for life. I also realized that it's impossible, after the first complaint, to ask a parent to control their little bundle of joy without sounding like a... can I say "dick" in the school paper? Anyway, later in the flight I slipped a little vodka into his juice box... the only kicking that he did after that was due to involuntary muscle spasms. Sleep tight, little camper.

Pittsburgh to Atlanta was the obligatory "Screaming infant" flight, which was also good to get out of the way early enough to not result in retroactive SIDS. I was also in a pretty good mood because I was grabbing little bottles of Absolut off the stewardess (sorry, "flight attendant") cart. After two or three of those little darlings I was tempted to test out my reasoning that infants are technically "carry-ons" and so should be stored under the seat directly in front of you or snugly into an overhead compartment. After five I was wondering exactly how one might go about hijacking a plane to Jamaica. After seven.... I have no idea. Something to do with "The sign says "occupied" you pervert!" I'm sure I'll read about it.

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> -Chris Ward

We then took the train from the Atlanta airport to a bus stop where we grabbed a few taxis to the hotel. On the way to the hotel we passed "Confederate Hall" which is some sort of rebel pride thing and it reminded us that we were indeed in a part of the country where "He just needed killin" is considered a sound legal defense

New subject. This is the last time I warn you, though. Biggest shout out to those involved with the fist-through-glass thing. Among those involved were Carrie Ales (RD of Lammers Hall), Diana Gates, Lisa Romano, and Tricia Chase (Big Dic RAs) Michelle Snyder (a trained and certified EMT) and Keith "Jonesy" Jones (ISO and all-around BMF), as well as the Campus PD. They evaluated and contained the situation. They performed crowd-control, took immediate and appropriate medical action, did a good turnover to responding medical personnel, and were even involved with cleaning up the scene. When it came time to do it, it got done. Good job, people, and if there are any names that I missed I apologize.

I've gotten quite a few good questions to ask Mr. Stetson, thank you. Like a boob I missed our appointment but by the time this gets to print I'll have rescheduled and I'll have some responses from him.

Hey, did you know that last year (FY99) the school made $4,450 in late registration fees? The year before was even more, at $8,220. Last year the parking control trust fund pulled in $121,716 in total revenues; that's mostly stickers and tickets. And, as long as I'm on the subject, the school grossed $4,779,000 in room rent and $51,100 on forfeited deposits alone. Just thought you might like to know.

And finally, a few have approached me (well, one in particular) to say that printing the campus cop's radio frequency wasn't all that great an idea and even pissed a few people off. I've taken this advice into consideration; I've been wrong before. I thought about it long and hard and I have only this to say in response: Campus Police: 154.965 (for those of you who may have missed it the first time). Furthermore, Westfield PD: 155.190, W.Spfld PD: 155.520, Spfld PD. 460.100, and the MA State Police, Troop B: 042.460. It's called a free society, Adolf, look it up. Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

I'd like to respond to Mr. Ward's November 20 column. Mr. Ward basically criticizes the author of the article on gay rights for not signing their name. Let's think about whom the author was writing about.

Many people think that they can harass and intimidate people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered. This has been particularly prevalent on this campus. These students are yelled at, have signs placed on their doors, and little is done to stop this.

Therefore, the fact that this letter was anonymous only adds to its validity. It is a reminder that the person is trying to call attention to an issue, without being targeted for doing so.

Mr. Ward argues that homophobic statements such as, "Is it fair that homosexual couples can room together, and heterosexuals can't?" does not encourage ignorance. He points out that Klansmen and Nazis on Jerry Springer do not inspire the audience to commit violent acts. This is a comparison of two very different issues.

Thankfully, racism and anti-Semitism are not tolerated in mainstream America. Talk shows like Jerry Springer invite Klansmen and Neo-Nazis on their shows to show that these groups remain a threat. No thinking talk show host or newspaper writer would condone the Klan or any racist group.

Unfortunately, our society has not reached this level of acceptance for people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered. Dr. Laura Schlessinger continues to have a national radio program and TV talk show, despite her bigoted remarks. She has called homosexuality a "biological error." If she had said this about any other minority, I'm sure Mr. Ward would agree that she would no longer be allowed on any radio or TV station in America.

This is definitely a double standard and an acceptance of ignorance. The same is true about asking why heterosexual couples shouldn't room together. Statements like these ridicule gays and lesbians. A heterosexual couple might not be able to room together while in college, but they can get married and be entitled to hundreds of rights, that they likely take for granted. They could buy a home together, anywhere, adopt children, file taxes together, and be considered 'dependents' of each other.

A homosexual couple would have a hard time with any of these, if they had any rights at all. In most parts of America they would probably be more concerned with living everyday together without getting harassed, beat up, or killed. People like 'Dr. Laura' only add to these hardships. The fact that people like her are allowed on the airwaves gives homophobes an "excuse" to think and act the way they do.

Finally, separating heterosexual couples is a logical measure. This isn't only because of the obvious, but is financially practical as well. How many parents would send their children to a school where they could room with someone of the opposite gender? Is the college supposed to set up a pregnancy center, too?

K. Heaton is a Voice Columnist

Fall Sports Award Banquet

Scanlon Banquet Hall on Tuesday, December 12

5:30pm reception, 6:00pm dinner, 7pm awards

Tickets can be picked up in the Athletics Department (Ely 244) between the hours of 9a.m. and 5p.m. The deadline is December 7.

Meanwhile at M.A.R.A.S.A

NICK GENGARELLY

M.A.R.A.S.A stands for something that is pure, true, and above all limitless. What we represent and believe in is all positive for the benefit of ourselves, other men, and of course the women we are aiming to protect. No one can take away from us what we see as right, and the dreams we want to achieve. In actuality, most people follow the path we travel on and only the ill-educated dare to stray from this acceptable norm. M.A.R.A.S.A is an acronym for Men Against Rape And Sexual Assault, which hasn't changed. Just as our vision has not changed, or even been altered, since the day we began.

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Our last meeting proved this to me, and to the rest of us I think. What is usually an hour of discussing business and reflecting on past events, instead was three hours of uninhibited thoughts flowing uncontrollably from all of us. We shared with each other things some of us have never told anyone before, shared things others in the group had no idea ever existed. To put it bluntly, we bonded, but we bonded like never before. All of us opened up and told stories we had heard, gave our opinions on certain issues, and relived horrid memories. But, what made us stronger, what made the bonding what it was, were the reflections on each discussion. How we related to one another and how we disagreed with one another. We opened new doors, expanded minds, brought darkness into light, and loved every minute of it.

Business wise, we set two dates for upcoming concerts and held an interview at the end of our meeting. The shows will hopefully be put on in the Ely Lab Theater on December 3 and 17, once again headed and organized by Kevin Murray. We intend to incorporate more of M.A.R.A.S.A into these upcoming concerts to better show the bands and kids who come to listen what we are all about.

Post-meeting, the group as a whole was interviewed by a student doing a documentary for her class. Holly Farrar chose to do the project on us, on M.A.R.A.S.A. She sees things on our level, understands what we are trying to do and what we have already done. We gained full appreciation from Holly and she assured us there were many more women who feel just as she does. The interview went beautifully and we all learned from each other, her from us and us from her. Our wish is that everyone views us as Holly does, as we should be viewed, as the helping hands and caring hearts that we are.

N. Gengarelly is a Voice Columnist

Mutant Funk might just interest you

MARK HITE

Sometimes a certain CD comes along that wouldn't normally be part of your musical interests but immediately seems to grow on you. This could best describe my experience with Praga Khan's latest release "Mutant Funk."

Filled with poppy dance beats and simplistic (yet fun) lyrics, "Mutant Funk" is undoubtedly one of the most addicting CDs to come out in a long time.

The band consists of vocalist/keyboardist Praga Khan, bassist Hans X, drummer Oliver Adams, guitarist Erhan Kurkun, and backing vocalist/dancer Ester.

Belgium native Praga Khan (real name Maurice Engelen) is not only the leader behind the band name after him, he has acted as mixer, producer, and songwriter behind several different dance projects. He has also been involved with several remixes done for popular rock acts such as White Zombie, Alice In Chains, Gravity Kills, and Corrosion Of Conformity.

Perhaps one of the most popular musical acts, Praga has worked with none other than Lords Of Acid. Several Lords Of Acid discs, such as "Lust," "Our Little Secret," and "Voodoo You" have found huge success in dance clubs throughout the world, including the States.

Throughout the years many people have enjoyed the fun sex - orientated songs that Lords Of Acid have produced like "I Must !ncrease My Bust" and "The Pu**y Song."

However, through it all, Praga Khan has found time for all his projects including his self-titled band's latest release "Mutant Funk."

The CD starts off with "The Power of the Flower" which has an intro that makes you feel like you are flying through space. This quickly gives way to a mix of up-tempo raving beats and psychedelic sounding breaks.

Undoubtedly, the ultimate standout track comes with second track, entitled "Love."

The song will make even the most inexperienced of dancers want to get up and get down.

The song's intro starts off with a slowed down keyboard produced melody and bass lines which remain constant throughout the song. However, after 20 seconds, the fast-looped one-two drum beat kicks in opening the door to one of the all time kings of dance songs.

The lyrics consist of Praga's mentioning every thing from "fax machines" to "Mr. Ed" but reminds us in the end that "all we need is love."

Another amazing standout track, "Turn Me On," is kicked off with a girl's distorted voice singing something that resembles "you know you turn me on." Within the continues thunder of the bass drum beat the band mixes laser sharp rhythms with samples that sound like they came from an early video game system.

Lyric wise, Praga brags about a woman who doubles as his "dark desire."

"The Moon" adds a sad and dark spin to the disc with it's gloomy backgrounds.

"Eyeless In El Paso" starts off with a hollow sounding drum beat which leads to a heavier KMFDM (esq) industrial background and muffled vocals.

Just about every track on "Mutant Funk" proves to be a must hear.

Ever since their conception, the band's mission has been to provide the best rave music in just about every venue possible. Praga Khan is one of few dance bands that have taken their sound not only to the clubs but also into concert venues.

Throughout the years, the band has performed for literally millions of people in places ranging from huge raves to outdoor festivals.

The CD booklet, very much like the music it represents, proves to be nothing short of spectacular. It features several odd looking computerized folk with pupil-less eyes (who all sport some kind of odd looking gas mask) in front of a bright purple background.

Raver or not, just about anyone can get into the smooth beats that flow out of Praga Khan's "Mutant Funk." It is an impressive collage of up tempo beats and catchy melodies that literally put the "fun" back into "fun-ky sounds."

M. Hite is a Voice Clolumnist

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Understanding
By DJ

As a question comes to play
The confused asks too much
The answer is not
What one requires to feel
The maker tells the battle
The winner is unknown
The sight seen does not open eyes
It only causes pain
One that is welcome
But one that's barred
The change in the question
Makes light normal
But also allows time to die
For movement is a king to cross
And it is not sure if any will stay

Flakes
By DJ

The tilt and curve cause such a thrill
As the snow falls into place
Every one as beautiful and
Every one as twirled
Then motions are quick
And the snow is rattled
But what is beheld beneath
Could create nothing
Save for the pure awe of the watcher
As the snow falls again
The wonderment returns
The anticipation waits
For the disturbance
To again see what lies even if not for me
The slow takes my hand
But it is worth more than time can destroy

Straight from the Source

WES JACKSON

What's up WSC? It's me again with the latest news "Straight From the Source." I hope you had a good vacation and let me get right into this article:

THE CHASE IS FINALLY OVER! After more than a month on the streets, O.D.B is back in the custody of the police after being picked up in the parking lot of a McDonald's restaurant in south Philadelphia. O.D.B was being mobbed by fans and was arrested again on Monday, November 27. The Philadelphia police were called by the manager of the McDonald's who feared a possible public disturbance could occur because of the size of the fan base that was outside the restaurant. The manager claims that he had no idea who O.D.B was at all.

Now I will tell you about one of the odd things that happened during his fugitive adventures: Last Tuesday, Nov. 21, O.D.B surfaced with the rest of the Wu-Tang Clan to perform onstage in front of hundreds of fans in Hammerstein Ballroom in New York.

When he appeared onstage, the rapper said to the crowd that he could not stay long because he was on the run. O.D.B went on to perform "Shimmy Shimmy Ya" and "Shame on a N---a." One good thing about this performance was that it marked the first time in three years that the entire Wu-Tang Clan performed onstage together at the same time.

Now that I have talked about O.D.B it is only fitting that Eminem comes next. According to prosecutor Carl Marlinga, one of the gun charges against Eminem will get dropped as long as the rapper pleads guilty to the other count against him. Also, Marlinga said that he would ask for jail time no matter what Eminem pleads on December 8. The sentence he will ask for will be between six and nine months. If Eminem decides to plead not guilty, then the case will go to trial and judging by the pretrial hearing in October, it looks like this is what he will be doing.

I will close this article by telling you about two tragedies that occurred recently. The two people not only represent hip-hop in a way but they represent music.

The first was not a familiar name in hip-hop, but he did have an affiliation with a legendary group. Bruce Mayfield AKA "Chip Banks" or "Bankie" was shot and killed Saturday morning over a money dispute. Bankie represented the American Cream Team, which is a Wu - affiliate and is backed by Raekwon.

Police believe that the suspect in the murder is Alfred Dancy, who is 28 and was arrested near the scene by officers who found a .45 caliber semi-automatic weapon on him, which they believe is the same gun used in the shooting. Bankie was definitely an up and coming rapper, which was apparent from his verse on Raekwon's song "100 Rounds." R.I.P. Bankie, you will be missed, especially by the true hip-hop fans.

The other death in music was on November 17. Joseph Calleja died in his sleep on Thursday morning at his home in Taylor, Michigan. Music fans probably know Joseph Calleja better as Kid Rock's undersized sidekick Joe C. Police officials indicated that the death was being ruled as due to natural causes and that the local medical officials were not even going to perform an autopsy.

Joe C. 's stature was the direct result of a longlife illness called Celic Disease, which caused him to have to take 60 pills a day and have fluid run through his system six hours a day. Prior to his death, Joe C. told "Entertainment Weekly that he would be coming out with an album, which was jokingly entitled "Enquiring Size Wants To Grow."

R.I.P. Joe C., the music business will miss you, more artists should take a lesson from you and just live life to the fullest no matter how terrible they may feel everyday.

I just want to close this by saying "ONE LOVE TO MY DOG SCULLY AND TO EVERYONE WHO CAME TO SUPPORT HIM AND THOSE COMEDIANS." OH, YEAH, ONE MORE THING, HIS ALBUM IS COMING OUT SOON. YOU CAN HEAR IT EXCLUSIVELY ON MY RADIO SHOW MONDAYS 8 TO 10.

W. Jackson is a Voice Columnist.

Link 80's struggle continues

By Jeff Bordin

Special to the Voice

The Link 80 CD "The Struggle Continues" has been out for almost a year now, but I felt is was worth reviewing. These days, ska bands are harder to find and when you do actually come across one, they are often weak. Link 80's album is a strong ska-core album that suprised me because I had never cared for the band's earlier material.

"The Struggle Continues" is a definite reflection of what Link 80 has gone through and what they have now become as a band. Link 80 has not released any new material since lead singer Nick Traina's death, and the dismissal of Stoney, a former roadie turned lead vocalist. The new vocalist is Ryan Noble. All this and only three original members remain. The drummer, bassist and trumpet player have been with the band from the beginning.

Many people have become weary of what Link 80 may have turned into. People tend to dislike difference or change, but in my opinion Link 80 has changed for the better.

The CD reflects a change; a more adult sound. The band's first album was recorded while the band was still in high school. Asian Man record's head Mark Park has often said, "I wish I was in a band that cool when I was in high school."

I know the first time I heard it, it didn't seem that it was Link 80 that I was listening to. They always seemed to have a sloppy, wild soun, but this album was tight and much harder then their older stuff.

Ryan's voice is more melodic than Nick's or Stoney's. Not so cut and dry. He sounds much angrier and like he might have taken some singing lessons. With this cleaner more together sound Link 80 can really shine through and show how they can really write great songs.

No Asian Man recording goes untouched by Mike Park, who has ofered his services to such bands as Mu330, Potshot, Less Than Jake and Korea Girl. Here Park can be heard singing a mellowed out version of the Madness tune "My Girl." He brings a pleasant sound to the song, which trades off between him and new vocalist Ryan. There is also a song called "Nothing New" which is an old Blast Bandits song, which is Ryan's old band where he sang and played guitar. The songs all have a different tone to them.

Racism is still one of their biggest song topics the band writes about. This time there are also songs about love, poverty, misunderstandings, and missing a friend they all lost, at such a young age.

There are more horns backing up the band in the recording. Only two horns are now with the band, but they double and triple tracked on the CD. They also brought in keyboard to create an eloborate introduction to the CD. It privides a creepy intro and then launches into the turbo charged "Addiction."

Link 80 has gone a little heavier and by doing this they are actually showing what "Skacore" can become. The music is less skankable but something that is just plain good to listen to and toss people are to.

There is a greater difference in the recording from 17 Reasons and Killing Katie. The band is developing parts of their musical influences into a giant melting pot of sound.

Link 80 prove that sometimes change is ok. Even though it was tragic that the band lost their friend and singer they have been able to move on and continue making the music they love. Some may not like "The Struggle Continues," but the album is worth a listen. Even if you have to convince yourself it is a new band.

Next on the bands agenda is a few shows benefiting "Toys for Tots," to provide children with toys this Christmas who aren't able to recieve presents due to family income. Also some tour dates in Japan with label mates Potshot are scheduled soon.

Rap and comedy visits WSC

By Peter Costas

Voice Reporter

On Thursday, November 16, Westfield State saw the Comedians Brian April and Marshall Brandon perform as well as the Rap artist Skully.

April had played in clubs in Boston in the past and was reviewed by the Boston globe as being "The Best Kept Secret in New England." He told many jokes about toys, holiday shopping, cartoons, infomercials, game shows and holiday shopping. He also performed impersonations which were very close to the person he was mimicking.

I thought he was a very talented comedian because he did not dwell on any one line of jokes for too long. April tried to integrate new jokes he had come up with which showed great courage. He was able to make fun of himself and the activities he had been doing. Recently April had lost 35 pounds which was the focus of some of his jokes.

Brandon is a recent college graduate being in the class of 1997. He picked up a copy of The Campus Voice and made fun of two of Westfield's issues: arming of campus police and people's opinions of the MCAS tests as evaluators of teachers. Brandon reminisced about his college days of having many parties.

In college he studied Criminal Justice. He encouraged Criminal Justice majors to change their studies because there were only three jobs they could possibly get after graduation: a corrections officer, a police of ficer or a probation of ficer. None of these jobs appealed to Brandon. He also mentioned life is very hard after graduation. Brandon's routine was a little crass, but he was able to make light of issues that face black people in society.

Mainly he mentioned the responses blacks get when they enter stores and the ways black students differ from white students. Several times he said during his performance "just playing" and I think everyone understood he did not mean anything seriously. A positive message of Brandon's routine was his line of "Be careful about what you believe about what you see on TV."

Skully and his band were late due to the traffic on the turnpike. There was Skully and three other hip-hop artists on the stage. He also had a few group members assisting him with the sound and equipment. He and his band travel a lot which was seen by the fact he mentioned they had been on the road 13 hours that day.

Skully and his band were from Long Island where he said he and the people in his neighborhood were packed very close together. The audience of Westfield State students got very into his music and many students danced along with the band. I though Skully was skilled at Hip-Hop because the topics of many of his songs were about recent topics. This showed he was creative enough to be able to write new lyrics. His music had a positive message. "Talk about the Things You are. . . Think about the Way you live99 Skully also wanted young people to "Wake Up" and do something about the problems in society around them.

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Hopefully, some of you attended the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on Sunday, December 3.

We have a week full of activities for commuters:

Monday, December 4: Commuter Student Breakfast. Free breakfast for Commuters in the Scanlon Banquet Hall!

Tuesday, December 5: Pizza Giveaway. Free pizza and music by the Guitar Dudes in the Campus Center.

Wednesday, December 6: All commuters will receive a free gift for attending the Coffeehouse at 7:00 PM in the Campus Center.

Thursday, December 7: Commuter Car Fair. Many different exhibitors, like GG's Auto Repair, Long Radio, Voice Stream Wireless, and Pep Boys, will be displaying many different items. Stop by and try to win some free gifts!

Friday, December 8: Free Donuts, Bagels, and Coffee. Commuters can have another breakfast for free in the Taco Bell Area.

Commuters will receive a free raffle ticket for each event they attend. At the end of the week, several raffle tickets will be pulled for prize giveaways! The more events you attend, the more chances you have to win!

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Police Log from 11/10/00-11/19/00

11/10/00-
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, Courtney Hall
-Rape, Dickinson Hall
-Check person, Assisted Student, lammers Hall

11/11/00-
-Check person, Assisted student, lammers Hall
-Medical transport to Noble, Courtney Hall
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, Lammers Hall
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, Lammers Hall

11/12/00-
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Reffered to conduct board, Apartments
-College policy violation, Drugs, Referred to conduct board, Courtney Hall
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Trespass notice issued, Lammers Lot
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, Courtney Hall

11/13/00 -
-Larceny, Theft, Property under $250, Apartments
-Malicious destruction, Vandalism, Vehicle keyed, Commuter Lot
-Medical transport to Noble, Parenzo Hall

11/14/00-
-Medical transport to Noble, Health Services

11/15/00-
-College policy violation, Drugs, Referred to conduct board, Courtney Hall

11/16/00-
-Malicious destruction, Vandalism, Broken window, Apartments
-Medical transport to Noble, Apartments
-Motor vehicle stop, Confiscated alcohol, South Lot
-Medical emergency, No medical assistance needed, Wilson Hall
-Burglary, B&E, Property over $250 from vehicle, Commuter Lot
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, Davis Hall

11/17/00-
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, Ely road
-College policy violation, Alcohol & guest, Referred to conduct board, Courtney Hall
-College policy violation, Drugs, Referred to conduct board, Lammers Hall
-College policy violation, Drugs, Referred to conduct board, Maintenance Lot
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Individual trespassed from campus, Scanlon Hall
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, Courtney Hall
-Malicious destruction, Vandalism, Door kicked in, Dickinson Hall

11/18/00-
-Disturbance, Physical altercation, Apartments
-Medical emergency, Transported to Noble, Dickinson Hall
-College policy violation, Alcohol, drugs, and bayonet, Criminal complaint filed, Courtney Hall
-Larceny, Theft, Property under $250, Scanlon Hall
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, Courtney Hall
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to conduct board, Dickinson Hall
-College policy violation, Guest, Referred to conduct board, Courtney Hall

11/19/00-
-Suspicious person, Verbal trespass issued, Davis Hall

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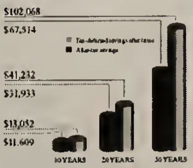

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Attention All Intramural Players

All Players must bring an I.D. to all Intramural Games

I.D.'s will be checked from now on...

No I.D. - No Playing -

No Exceptions.

Thank you - Intramurals x5424

Reminder:

Captains are responsible for checking schedules and informing team members when they are playing. Office WILL NOT be calling. Schedule is posted outside Ely 231

Open Gym Hours

Parenzo Gym
Mon. 12a-2a
Tue. 12a-2a
Wed. 12a-2a
Thur. 11p-2a
Fri. 6p-10p
Sat. 4p-8p
Sun. 2p-6p, 12a-2a

- Not on a team, but want to play? Call x5424
- All Schedules are posted in Ely outside Room 231. Please check the schedules DAILY for game times! If you cannot make a game you are scheduled for, you MUST notify the Intramurals office immediately! (x5424) 24 hour notice for cancelling a game or you will receive a forfeit.

5-5 Basketball will be held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights from now on.

Domino's Pizza

WESTFIELD
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STORE HOURS:
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THU-SAT 3:00PM-3:00AM
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1 XTRA-LARGE 1 TOPPING PIZZA & 20 WINGS FOR $15.99+TAX

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WE SERVE THEM HOT, MILD OR BBQ.
BLUE CHEESE OR RANCH ON THE SIDE.

Men's Basketball Rallies For Win Over Nichols

WESTFIELD - Sophomore guard Ethan Slavin (Mohegan Lake, NY) scored a team-high 16 points, including five points in the final two minutes, to rally Westfield State to an 81-75 come-from-behind men's basketball victory over Nichols College.

Slavin converted a steal into a layup to give the 3-1 Owls a 76-75 lead with 1:40 remaining. With just under a minute left, the 5-10 reserve drained a three-pointer from the right wing to increase the lead to four, 79-75.

Nichols, also 3-1, jumped out to a 32-18 lead on the strength of its three-point shooting. The Bison canned 7-of-12 three-point attempts in the first half, but the Owls battled back to trail by two, 48-46, at the break.

Westfield took its first lead, 57-55, with 17 minutes remaining on a spectacular alley-oop dunk by 6-1 junior forward Bryant James, a transfer from Holyoke Community College.

The teams cooled off in the second half, especially from three point range. For the game, Nichols was 10-for-28 (3-16 second half) from beyond the arc, while the Owls were 8-for-33 (3-20 second half).

Senior guard Kris Kachelmeyer had 13 points in Westfield's balanced attack, followed by freshman forward Vaso Jaukovic (12 points), and James (10 points, team-high seven rebounds).

Senior forward Ryan Ankstitus of Marlboro led the Bison with 23 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore guard Brian Cordozo had 18 points and seven assists, while junior center Patrick McQuillan grabbed 17 rebounds.

Westfield 91 - Elms 59

CHICOPEE - Bryant James posted game-highs of 27 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks and four steals to lead Westfield State to a 91-59 men's basketball victory over Elms College on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

James, a 6-1 junior transfer from Holyoke Community College, canned 13 of 19 shots from the field and grabbed eight offensive rebounds.

The Owls' pressure defense forced numerous Elms turnovers as they jumped out to a 45-26 halftime lead.

Guard Patrick Luckett, a sophomore transfer from Springfield Technical Community College, tallied 12 points. Senior forward Jon Mazzone also scored 12 points and sophomore guard Ethan Slavin came off the bench to contribute 10 points.

Westfield 100 - Mt. Ida 87

NORTON - Sophomore Patrick Luckett of Springfield Central led Westfield State's balanced attack with 18 points to lead the Owls to a 100-87 victory over Mount Ida in the consolation game of the Wheaton College Tournament.

Also scoring in double figures were senior Kris Kaehelmeyer of Bernardston (15 points), senior Kurt Huggins (13), sophomore Ethan Slavin (16), and junior Phil Conners (13).

The Owls drained nine three-point baskets, including four by Conners and three by Slavin.

In first round action, Westfield lost to Wheaton, 89-72, while Keene State defeated Mt. Ida, 88-63. Wheaton edged Keene State, 85-82, in the championship game.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 5
Women's Basketball
vs. West Conn., Home, 6:00
Men's Basketball
vs. West Conn., Home, 8:00

Thursday, Dec. 7
Women's Basketball
vs. Mass Boston, Home, 6:00

Saturday, Dec. 9
Swimming and Diving
vs. Smith, Home, 1:00
Men's Basketball
at Amherst, 7:00
Indoor Track and Field
at Wesleyan

Banacos Road Race Results

6.2 Mile Course

Bill Sicard 37:47; Richard Clark 38:46; George Barker 39:09; T.J. Martin 39:34; Mike Murphy 39:59; Al Bohdiewicz 40:09.

Mike Sheldon 40:15; Craig Stokowski 40:29; Paul Bazanchuk 41:27; Tom O'Connor 41:47.

Herschel Bloome 41:51; George Reynolds 42:05; Ed Murphy 42:07; Jonathan Tetherly 42:16; Kelly Heroux 42:49.

Bill O'Neill 44:42; Gary Tallman 45:01; Dan Nolan 45:32; Don Ryan 45:36; Mark Lynch 46:13; Tony Santamaria 46:19..

Bill Holt 46:27; Sara Szu 46:47; Allen Frey 46:47; Bill Drohan 47:43; Tim Londo 48:54; Greg Musante 50:45.

Ellen Bellicchi 51:02; Ed Dwyer 51:20; Peter Miller 52:53; Robert Larrabee 54:43; Eric Breitung 62:07; Bruce Kurtz 64:22.

Maribeth Muldeon 66:00; Stephen Plante 66:00; Lauren Nolan 66:00.

Sophomore guard Ethan Slavin, left, has emerged as a key contributor for the Westfield State men's basketball team this season. Slavin scored 16 points, including five in the final two minutes, to lead the Owls to a hard-fought 81-75 victory over Nichols in their home opener. Slavin, a communication major from Moheghan Lake, N.Y., was named to the all-tournament team in the Wheaton Tipoff Tournament. *Mickey Curtis File Photo*

Swimming Squad Raises Record To 3-0

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team raised its record to 3-0 with a 134-114 victory over Western New England College on Nov. 28.

Double winners for the Owls were: freshman Jenny Gilbert in the 50 freestyle (28.1) and 100 backstroke (1:11.44); senior Julie Abare in the 50 breaststroke (36.24) and 100 breaststroke (1:17.19); and freshman Dana LedDuke in the 50 butterfly (29.09) and 100 butterfly (1:05.05).

Also placing first were: freshman Nicole Acheson (200 freestyle, 2:15.19); freshman Rachel Machowsky (50 backstroke, 32.13); and the 200 medley relay team of Jody Stiefel, Julie Abare, LedDuke and Gilbert. Stiefel also finished second in the 1000 freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

Varsity Sports Fall Banquet Tuesday, Dec. 12, 5:30 Scanlon Hall

Student-Athletes must pick up their tickets by Dec. 7 in the athletics dept. Ely 244

Westfield State Athletics Website
www1.wsc.ma.edu/athletics

Women's Basketball Falls To East Conn.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - Freshman forward Allison Coleman scored a game-high 24 points, including a key three-pointer with five minutes left that capped an 11-0 run, to power the Eastern Connecticut State University women's basketball team to a 73-63 win over Westfield State on Nov. 28.

With the score tied 49-all with 8:41 left, Eastern (3-0) scored 11 straight points over a three-minute span to move out to a 60-49 advantage with 5:24 left. Junior guard Joanna Debicki had four of her 15 points in the run and 11 of her final total in the second half.

Coleman, who had scored a season-high 25 points nine days ago, converted five three-pointers for the second straight game. She also had four steals and three assists.

A key to Eastern's victory was its three-point shooting. The Warriors were 7-for-20 from beyond the arc, while Westfield was just 1-for-10. In addition, Westfield was outrebounded, 44-27.

Senior Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield led Westfield with 16 points and six assists. Senior Monique Chapdelaine of Sturhridge also scored 16 points and junior forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield tallied 13 points.

Vassar 53 - Westfield 51

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. - Vassar College survived a Westfield State second-half comeback for a 53-51 victory over the Owls in the championship game of the Vassar Women's Basketball Invitational.

Sophomore forward Carleen Aubee poured in 16 of her game-high 22 points in the first half to lead Vassar to a 34-23 halftime lead. Westfield tightened its defense in the second half and took a 41-40 lead with 7:45 remaining.

Vassar regained the lead a minute later and held off the Owls, who missed a shot inside the key in the final seconds.

Senior co-captain Monique Chapdelaine of Sturhridge led Westfield with 17 points. Sophomore center Melissa Cote of Feeding Hills had 14 points. Senior co-captain Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield contributed seven points, 10 assists and four steals.

Westfield 63
William Paterson 39

In their tournament opener, the Owls posted an impressive 63-39 victory over William Paterson, N.J., as they jumped out to a 33-14 halftime lead. William Paterson only shot 23 percent from the field in the game.

Vielmetti led the balanced attack with 11 points, five assists, seven rebounds and two steals. Junior forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield tallied 11 points, and freshman Abbey Laffond of Athol had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Personals

I am El Nino!

Watch out for the H.I.B.

Chris Farley lives in 302 Pike.

Kill the rabbits!

Carlyn - we miss you! Come visit! -B,M,J,&C

Hi. I am a Campus Police Officer and I don't know how to read the Miranda rights to people I arrest.

If you need help making a scheme go to Lammers C308, Les the Master

Ange: Don't forget the whipped cream and hand cuffs.

Keep Spelling, Mister! Those are z's.

J.C. - she didn't even look good through my goggles. No props for you!

Rebel - the new WSC breakdancing club member.

Hey Guys - Charlie's Angels work at Abercrombie - I know where I'm shopping from now on.

Miller and Lon - 3-3 (tied)

Congrats on a great season, soccer team! We love Nick! -Cindi, Tracy, and Siobhan.

Godfather - let's get tested...where's the voice?

Steph- can you make me a milkshake? PLEASE?? 2B1

Death is a question mark at the end of this life sentence.

Joel - Nice Salad.

Jeff eats subs in the library, you - Jerk! S.M.

Oh....Ah...It's in the bone.

What's my name? Florida St. 2/2.

Look out! Danielle's going to pee!

Talk in American Words!

Who let the fanny pack out!?

Some at this school are about as bright as a burnt stick!

Colin- Hello??!! Please notice me!! Be my romeo...

Bry drives the Big Wheel to get Jut on his Skeeter, to get some KY for ninja.

Thanks for the parking ticket! I love WSC.

Rotiroti,
you'll never get anything so stop trying with me.
Luv, you know who.

Heather O., you got something in common with my doorknob.

She could be a farmer in those clothes.

Two girls here looking for hotties. IM and US - Shyswt6 ask for Jess 2 Kim.

Why did the chicken cross the road? To go back to his room in Courtney 387.

Foley got a whole lot of back.

Fitzy - grow up.

Cheer Up Kruste - "Don't Gain the world and lose your sole because wisdom is better than silver and gold." -Robet Nasta Marley.

To the girls for 2A4: Thanks for watching "The Joy Luck Club" with us! You are the nest. Love, Moe, Dixteen and Frankie Fixer.

Who's the smelly kid in 468?

Here's a way to dump a girl....take her out to dinner, the tell her off.

RDM, stop farting in bed.

34 days till my roommate disappears!

Meg farted in front of her gym boyfriend!

I love Big Mac...he is definetly snack.

Party in 470!

Hey coos, so you really don't get why Eric just got up and left.

Allison, you really should come out and drink more.

Thanks guys for my Bday party. I love you! Love, Erica

Who's down for some quality cuddle time on the couch?

Will Cupid please visit 2nd annex Scanlon Hall?

That man with the skulls on his head was one cool townie.

2001 President, I think you are a fox not a dog! Sorry it was a misprint, wink wink.

Get Mel out of that cage! That girl's busted.

Watch out for that sign!

Yankees still suck. Go Red Sox! M.P.

Cheer up, Laura.

Terrence, I love you! Yes, It's true, true, true.

Will - Brian says hello.

O'Doyle Rules!

Lon - buy us a new chair!

Jon S., the columnist , you're awesome. And not all girls ignore you!

Why am I being arrested sir? I'll tell ya later son.

The blond girl in mapping class is hot.

Are the dishes done yet?

"All about her!"

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

Musical Theatre Guild
presents:

Children of Eden

*a touching and spiritual musical that dares to explore human nature

SHOW DATES:
Thursday Dec. 7th 8 pm
Friday Dec. 8th 8 pm
Saturday Dec. 9th 2 & 8 pm

Parenzo Hall - Dever Auditorium

* tickets can be bought at the Teller Window for $2

Dr. Mike Magee MD

Power lifter
World Record Holder
1,570.8 LBs
(650.4 lbs. Squat)
Topics:
Supplements
Injuries
Nutrition
Question/Answer Time
7 PM
WED., DEC. 6th
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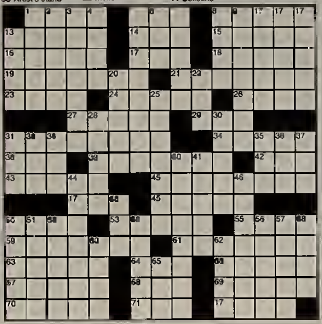
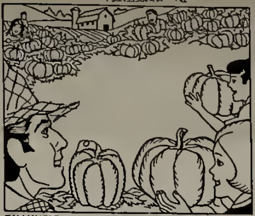
ACROSS
1 Droops
5 Comedian Abbott
8 Stroll
13 Vary very
14 Timetable info
15 Water softener
16 Giant
17 Lair
18 Pass into law
19 Hobbyist
21 More delicious
23 Roll call response
24 Has the blues
26 "... a bushel — peck"
27 Russian money unit
29 Relatives
31 Capital of Belgium
34 Biblical giant-killer
38 Clumsy one
39 Munitions store
42 Wedding promise
43 In the midst of
45 Hamilton football player
47 Above: poet.
49 Licorice-like flavoring
50 Ship's pole
53 Artist's stand
55 Agreement
59 Opposed
61 Fabric
63 Temporary peace
64 Martial arts expert Bruce —
66 Skinflint
67 Grants
68 Ripen
69 Edgar — Poe
70 Robbery
71 Family member
72 Noticed

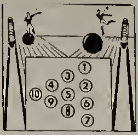
DOWN
1 Slippery coating
2 Rose oil
3 Kitchen tools
4 Rational
5 Sleeping bags
6 Rocky Mountain Indian
7 "Divine Comedy" author
8 Fortas and Saperstein
9 Helena's state
10 Gray matter
11 Fastened (a shoe)
12 Additional
13 Idaho neighbor
20 Brown pigment
22 Invite
25 Spanish coins
28 Practice
30 — away: spends lazily
31 Snake
32 Computer abbr.
33 Flying saucer (abbr.)
35 Singer Damone
36 B.C.'s neighbor
37 Spot
40 Almost a score
41 Spry
44 Bulletins
46 Snake or lizard
48 Thing, in law
50 Fire starter
51 Think alike
52 Riyadh resident
54 Book of maps
56 Church part
57 Tidy up
58 Sea bird
60 — egg: savings
62 Dec. holiday
65 Vanity



YEEE HA!!! Hi kids!!! How is everyone today? I hope you read this weeks comics and then feel like doing your own! I want to put your ideas in the paper! So, until you are in print, read what we have here!



TALLY HO! Our artist says there are 25 pumpkins in the you-pick-'em pumpkin patch above. How many do you see?



ALLEY-OOP BOWLING

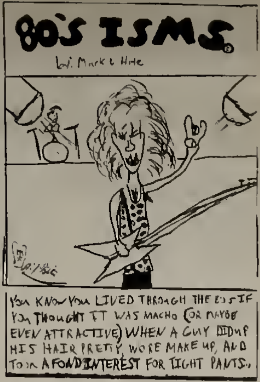
TWO persons are shown bowling in the drawing above. One, on the right, already has released his ball, but alas, his throw misses completely, leaving all of the pins standing.

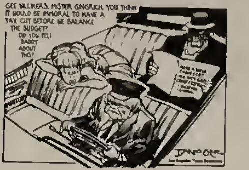
Let us suppose it is now necessary to rearrange the pins to conform with the direction of the other alley. That is to say, to have the headpin (No. 1) face the bowler in the lane on the left.

How is it possible to effect this changeover by moving just three pins?

(Note. Numbers on pins are for identification purposes only.)

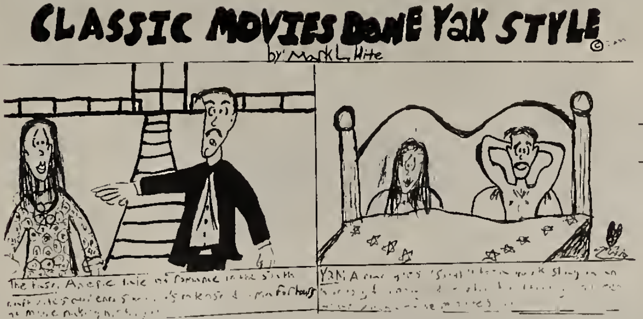
Move pin 1 to a point in front of 3 and 4, move 10 under 9, 7 beside 6


80's ISMS.
by Mark L Hite
YOU KNOW YOU LIVED THROUGH THE 80'S IF YOU THOUGHT IT WAS MACHO (OR MAYBE EVEN ATTRACTIVE) WHEN A GUY DID UP HIS HAIR PRETTY, WORE MAKE UP, AND TOOK A FOND INTEREST FOR TIGHT PANTS.


GEE WILLIKERS, MISTER GINGRICH, YOU THINK IT WOULD BE IMMORAL TO HAVE A TAX CUT BEFORE WE BALANCE THE BUDGET?
DID YOU TELL DADDY ABOUT THIS?
DANZIGER

SKUNK WORKS by Sean Harrington

"No, I don't operate out of a store. This is a web-based business."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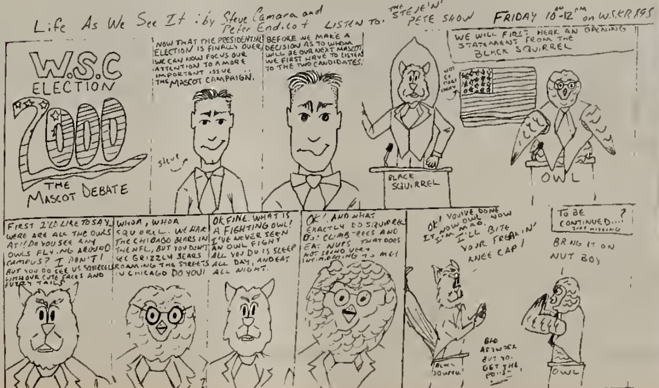
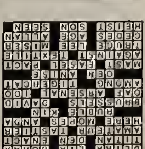
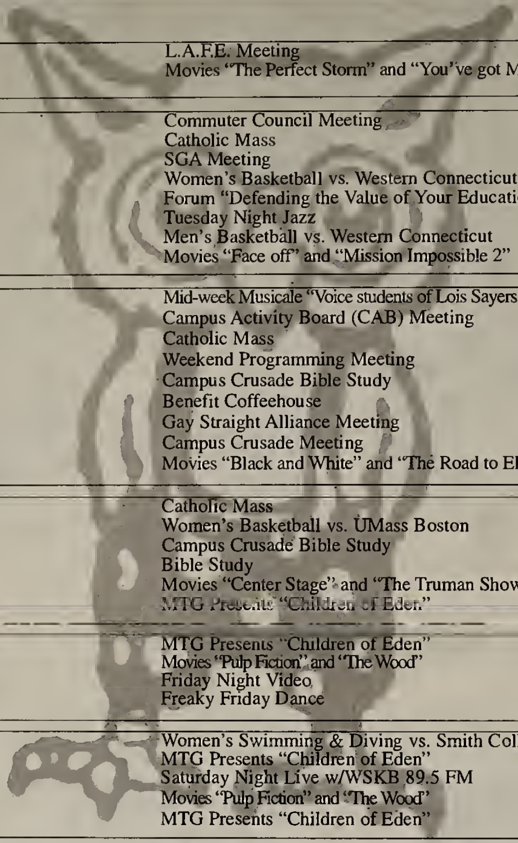

Life As We See It : by Steve Camara and Peter Endicot
LISTEN TO: THE STEVE 'N' PETE SHOW FRIDAY 10AM-12PM on W.S.K.R 89.5
W.S.C ELECTION 2000
THE MASCOT DEBATE
NOW THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS FINALLY OVER, WE CAN NOW FOCUS OUR ATTENTION TO A MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE ... THE MASCOT CAMPAIGN.
STEVE
BEFORE WE MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHOM WILL BE OUR NEXT MASCOT WE FIRST HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE TWO CANDIDATES.
WE WILL FIRST HEAR AN OPENING STATEMENT FROM THE BLACK SQUIRREL
BLACK SQUIRREL
OWL
FIRST I'D LIKE TO SAY, WHERE ARE ALL THE OWLS AT!! DO YOU SEE ANY OWLS FLYING AROUND CAMPUS? I DON'T! BUT YOU DO SEE US SQUIRRELS WITH OUR CUTE FACES AND FUZZY TAILS
WHOA, WHOA SQUIRREL. WE HAVE THE CHICAGO BEARS IN THE NFL, BUT YOU DON'T SEE GRIZZLY BEARS ROAMING THE STREETS IN CHICAGO DO YOU!
OK FINE. WHAT IS A FIGHTING OWL! I'VE NEVER SEEN AN OWL FIGHT. ALL YOU DO IS SLEEP ALL DAY, AND EAT ALL NIGHT.
OK! AND WHAT EXACTLY DO SQUIRRELS DO! CLIMB TREES AND EAT NUTS. THAT DOES NOT SEEM VERY INTIMIDATING TO ME!
OK! YOU'VE DONE IT NOW OWL. NOW I'M MAD. I'LL BITE YOUR FREAKIN' KNEE CAP!
BRING IT ON NUT BOY
BAD ARTWORK BUT YOU GET THE POINT
TO BE CONTINUED....?

Sports Spots

Aficionados of the "sweet science" generally agree that "Sugar" Ray Robinson was the greatest fighter pound-for-pound ever to pull on a pair of maroon mitts. He had blinding speed of hand, consummate boxing skills and a knockout punch in either fist. Initially, he won the world welterweight title and reigned supreme for more than four years. Then he stepped up to the middleweight division and held that crown a record five times. "Fighters are two kinds, pitchers and catchers," he said. "I was a pitcher." Denis J. Harrington



WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events



Mon 12/4	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Perfect Storm" and "You've got Mail"	Channels 56&57
Tue 12/5	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. Western Connecticut	Parenzo Gym
	7:00 p.m.	Forum "Defending the Value of Your Education"	3rd World Room
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Western Connecticut	Parenzo Gym
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Face off" and "Mission Impossible 2"	Channels 56&57
Wed 12/6	3:30 p.m.	Mid-week Musicale "Voice students of Lois Sayers Smith"	Dever Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m	Benefit Coffeehouse	Ely Main Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Ely 232
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Black and White" and "The Road to El Dorado"	Channels 56&57
Thur 12/7	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. UMass Boston	Parenzo Gym
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Center Stage" and "The Truman Show"	Channels 56&57
	8:00 p.m.	MTG Presents "Children of Eden."	Dever Auditorium
Fri 12/8	8:00 p.m.	MTG Presents "Children of Eden"	Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Pulp Fiction" and "The Wood"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Video	Ely Lower Lounge
	10:00 p.m.	Freaky Friday Dance	3rd World Room
Sat 12/9	1:00 p.m.	Women's Swimming & Diving vs. Smith College	Ely Pool
	2:00 p.m.	MTG Presents "Children of Eden"	Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Pulp Fiction" and "The Wood"	Channels 56&57
	8:00 p.m.	MTG Presents "Children of Eden"	Dever Auditorium
Sun 12/10	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Pulp Fiction" and "The Wood"	Channels 56&57

USEFUL INFORMATION

Activities Line: x5840 / Info Line: x5440 / Class Cancellation Line: x5411

Dining Commons

Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services

(Nurse on duty) Sun 4p-12a, M-Th 8a-12a, F 8a-4p, Sat 12p-5p
(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p x5500 pool info

Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p Fri 8a-5p
Sat 1p-6p & Sun 1p-9p

Bookstore

M-Th 8:30a-5p Fri. 8:30a-4p
Sat. 11a-3p Sun. Closed

Subway

Mon-Fri 8a-11p Sat 12p-11p
Sun 1p-11p

Events are free & open to the entire college community unless otherwise noted.

To have events published on The Back Page please

The Campus Voice

The Student Press of Westfield State College

Volume VI Monday, December 11, 2000 Issue XIV

Students, faculty form 'alliance'

Forum addresses concerns that state colleges are in danger of privatization

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

"Students need to be informed of the effects on public schools by the Board of Higher Education before the problems can be solved," said Bobb Burgess, Editor-In-Chief of The Campus Voice, last Tuesday night at a forum help to 'Protect the Value of Public Education.'

The purpose of the forum, said Burgess, was to gather students and faculty together to get informed about the "big conspiracy that is going on to eventually get rid of our public state colleges." More than twenty-five students and faculty attended this event and many gave suggestions and ideas on how the students of state colleges can fight for their educations.

Burgess said that the teacher contract is not the only issue at stake here. "The social conservatives in Boston want all the colleges and universities to be privatized...they are looking in the interest of the individual and not the general welfare. We (state schools) are ranked 50th in the nation for money spent on education. The more money you spend on education, the better the education you can expect to get. We need to convince the taxpayers that we are smart, learned individuals," said Burgess.

Professor Brad Art, chair of the Philosophy department and head of the bargaining team for the MSCA union, said that the professors were belittled by the Board of Higher Education and that the underpay

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Community says not enough rape education at WSC

Many admit rape prevention is not an easy problem to solve

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

There is more Westfield State College (WSC) could be doing to educate students about rape and rape prevention, according to WSC faculty, administration, and students. However, many admit rape is not an easy problem to solve.

Jacqueline Sheehan, the Director of the Counseling Center, said that she feels the programs offered here at WSC could use some improvement, but she realizes this is a difficult issue. "I look at all the things that we do, and I'm not sure what else we can do," she said.

Dr. Jackson, the Vice President of Student Affairs, said that he feels more rape education should be done on campus as well. "I think we need to do more programs," he said, "but there's always more we can do." He said that on an issue such as rape, one can never have enough educational programs.

Madeleine Cahill, a professor of Communications, said that there is more we can be doing about the rape situation here on campus. "If any woman gets raped on this campus, obviously we're not doing enough," she said.

WSC students have expressed similar views. "Considering there was another rape reported in Dickinson Hall last week, I don't think our school is doing enough," said Alanna Berry, a WSC senior.

Kay Saltmarsh, also a senior, said the school is "absolutely not" doing enough to educate students about rape. "If we [WSC] did educate the students enough, it wouldn't be happening."

Members of the administration and faculty sayt a main problem is that almost all of the reported rapes occurring on campus are acquaintance rapes where alcohol is involved. According to information put out by the WSC Sexual Assault/ Sexual

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-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

The Westfield State College Dance Club performed at this semester's last coffeehouse, which benefitted the headstart program. Toys were collected along with donations of $5, which were honored with a complimentary WSC Campus Compilation CD.

"All I want for Christmas" Coffeehouse attracts WSC talent

By Jed Dion
A&E Editor

> "All the groups together were great, there is a lot of variety in the performances."
> -WSC student Katie Baker

The "All I want for Christmas" Coffeehouse was held in the Ely Campus Center on December 6. The event was held to raise money through donations for the Headstart program and to collect toys. One toy donation of five dollars in value or more was honored with a free copy of the WSC Campus Compilation CD.

The event was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, CAB, the Neighborhood Association Committee, the Dance Team, and the Board of Governors. Chris Ward served as the night's host and introduced each act before they came up, and Maggie Smith made sure the whole event ran smoothly.

The first band on was a pop punk outfit made up of freshmen, including Greg Marsh, Joe Skahan, and Rory Connors. The band, called "Shirts off in Advance," included Blink 182 and a Dave Matthews cover done punk style. The band has only been together a short while, and consisted of two guitarists, a drummer and a bass player. True to their name, the band wore no shirts.

Next up was "The Boyz," a three man combo consisting of two guitars and a bongo drum. The group, whose members were Atom Marotte, TJ O'Conner, and Ken McElroy, played two mellow acoustic type

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SGA addresses Dining Commons questions

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Jon Elwell, President of Dickinson Hall and member of the Food Service Committee, said that the Dining Commons will be renovated over the summer at the Student Government Association meeting last week.

Bill Dunbar, SGA Parliamentarian, said, "We are going to have more of a food court situation with five different stations." The five stations include an entrée station, a pizza area, a pasta section, the grill area, and a stir fry bar. Also, there still will be the salad bar, the desert bar, and the deli bar. Dunbar said, "This is going to be a great system. Everyone that is going to be here next fall should be excited."

Dunbar also said that this system hopefully will "cut down lines."

Bill Dunbar, SGA Parliamentarian, helped clarify Dining Commons rumors last Tuesday ot SGA.

An SGA senator asked if this system will help prevent food waste. Dunbar could not say yes or no, and answered by saying that, "More cooking will be done to order, per se.

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problem was admitted but nothing is is being done about it.

"Three and a half- years ago, the Board of Higher Ed. called the teachers at state colleges scumbags and turkeys. They actually admitted that we get 80 cents on the dollar compared to what professors at private schools make. They admitted that they underpay us and they continue to do absolutely nothing about it," said Art.

The faculty and the health of the institutions will always be an issue at state schools even if we settle our contracts tomorrow, said Art. " Even if we do settle our contracts, this is still an issue for students because an issue this arbitrary can hurt you, and keep you from graduating and getting decent jobs, " he said.

Steven Sossaman, professor of English, said that it seems the people in Boston want to instill a class system at state schools. "It seems to me that they think people that are attending community colleges should be lower-class people, the people who take low-end jobs. They want graduates from state schools to work for the state, to be employees, and they want the graduates from universities to be the employers," he said.

Jeff Godfrey, a student, said that it seems like they are going back to the old times when only the rich went to school and achieved a higher education. "It almost feels like people who came from middle-class families, like many of us, are going to be denied a fair educational system," he said.

Many students also voiced their concern about the talk of an exit exam for state colleges. "Testing is an easy solution to them that in reality doesn't solve anything at all," said Godfrey.

Shalimar Colon, Student Trustee for Westfield State College, said that she did not think the exam would be as bad as people thought it would. " I have done research on the exit exam and the faculty and staff will be the ones who review the assessment tool. I think that core gives students the background they will need to pass it," she said.

Gerald Tetrault, professor of Philosophy and president of WSC's chapter of MSCA, said that he did not think the test will be a good thing for anyone. " I think it will be difficult for faculty to assess an exam that they themselves did not create," he said.

> **"They want graduates from state schools to work for the state, to be employees, and they want the graduates from universities to be the employers"**
> - Steven Sossaman
> Prof. of English

"This seems like a sham to me. It seems like the state schools will not want to look bad, so they will strive to have the easiest test, so that their school will look better than one with a hard test that a lot of students failed," said Sossaman.

Burgess said that it isn't good for students to have an exit exam because it will drive teachers to teach like robots. " There should be free learning in the classroom, professors should not be forced to teach for the test. They should teach what and how they feel is necessary in the curriculum," he said.

The forum then turned to the question of the night - What can the students do to get informed and get the word out about what is occurring to state schools?

Chris Ward, national business manager for The Campus Voice, said that the students and faculty need to build a coalition. " We need to build unity. We can all fight for meaningful diplomas. We can all fight against this," he said.

Burgess said that the college newspapers are trying to take a stand for the students. " Many of the state college newspapers I have been in contact with are getting the word out, holding protests, and informational sessions. The colleges are working separately right now. We obviously will all need to come together at one time, but we can't put a sign in someone's hand until they are informed about what they are fighting for," said Burgess.

Kevin Newell, student, said that putting information around campus could be a good start. "Distribute the information, and form an advocacy are two good things we can do to promote awareness of this cause. This way, students won't have to search for the information," he said.

"Our short-term goal", said Burgess," is to get everyone here to bring a friend to the next forum. Then we will grow and be ready to protest at the Board of Governors meetings, and on Beacon Hill. But we have to start with localized forums to bring information to the students."

Meal plan won't change next year

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So I think it may help cut down food waste by [the Dining Commons]."

Dunbar also said that there would not be a change in the current meal plan. "We are going to have the same system as now," he said. Everyone will still decide on a meal plan consisting of 10, 14, or 19 meals per week and 100 flex dollars. Dunbar also said that they will be "building a permanent wall between the commuter café area and the Dining Commons."

Colleen Fromm, Commuter Council President, said that she feels that this will only alienate commuters from the rest of the college community more than they already are. Dan O'Driscoll from the SGA finance committee asked, "Will they be getting new furniture [for the Dining Commons]?"

Dunbar replied that they will be getting new cooking apparatuses in order to prepare foods in the stations, but "as far as tables and chairs go, I think they are here for good."

Richard Walsh, from the SGA Board of Governors, asked, "What will be done if it goes behind schedule?" Dunbar replied, "It will not happen."

Jenn Prior, sophomore class president, asked if the renovations are going to be done over the summer, what will be done for meals during summer classes? Dunbar responded, "The only food option during the summer will be Subway." Dunbar was asked if the flex dollars that students do not use carry over from semester to semester. Dunbar said, "Flex dollars carry over from fall to spring semesters, but not from spring to fall. So if you do not use them by May, you lose out."

Chris Burke, freshman class president, said, "We finally have an advisor." The new class advisor is Barry Maloney, assistant to the president. Burke also said that the class will still be looking for another advisor so all advising work will not have to be done by one person.

Jocelyn Gregory, senior class president, said that there will be a "Senior night on Friday, December 15. The evening will run from 6-9 p.m. in the Third World Association room and will cost $3 for all seniors and $4 for all guests." Tickets will be on sale at the teller window in the Ely Campus Center.

Attention Male Students:

Testicular cancer has its highest rate of incidence in college-age men. Women are always reminded to do monthly breast exams. However, college age women are at the lowest risk for breast cancer. College age men should do monthly testicular exams after their daily shower, using thumb and index finger to check for any hard areas in the testicles. An abnormal hard area is the only symptom for this killer disease in its early CURABLE stage. Dr. Robert White, a local urologist, collaborated on this article and is available for consultation. Please contact the Department of Health Services for more information.

From the Editor's Desk

Over the past semester, the Campus Voice has made efforts to prove how the Faculty Contract dispute with the Board of Higher Education for a fair deal is a student issue. I have contacted students at other state colleges and found that across the state, students are supporting their professors. Framingham State has been holding "Save our School" rallies. Bridgewater State has been holding similar rallies. Faculty recently held a teach-in at Mass College of Liberal Arts to "educate the campus on the current contract situation and the direct effect it has on the students at state schools." MCLA has also been holding rallies in support of the professors and public education. These are just some example of how students across the state are defending the value of their educations.

This is a student issue. This is a student issue. This is a student issue. This point cannot be made enough, and once students accept this fact, by informing themselves, the state colleges can unite to save the value of diplomas. As Brad Art, Department Chair of the Philosophy Department and head of the bargaining committee, said at the first grassroots meeting of what seems to be developing into the Student Faculty Alliance, "Even if we do settle our contracts, this is still an issue for students because an issue this arbitrary can hurt you, and keep you from graduating and getting decent jobs." ●

Every few months, representative students from State College Student Government Associations across the Commonwealth meets. This group, known as the Student Advisory Council (SAC) comes together to discuss campus issues. Recently this meeting was held at Worcester State College and I hoped to attend to address the social conservatives' (Gov. Cellucci, the BHE, and the Pioneer Institute) plan to diminish the value of our educations by disrespecting our faculty, standardizing our learning, providing us with the least amount of money that any state college system in the country has, and aiming to disband all state colleges by turning them into private "Charter Colleges." By unifying the state college Students Governments, a movement could easily be started to convince the public of the value of state colleges. Due to my obligations at the Campus Voice, I was not able to attend the SAC meeting and my worst fears came true. ●

I have honestly attempted to keep this campaign a positive one. I have tried to give the Executive Board (the governing body of WSC's Student Government) the benefit of the doubt. I thought, "Once they learn the facts, they will come around on their own." To date, this has not been the case. ●

In an effort to generate a grassroots plan of protest for the cause of defending public higher education, I took it upon myself to contact other colleges' student leaders to find out if they, like our own student leaders in the Executive Board, were slow to recognize the reality of the situation. I was surprised to find that State Colleges from MCLA to Bridgewater each had already organized to protest the injustices of the social conservatives. So the next step seemed simple: Organize together to prove the seriousness of our positions and bring these protests to Beacon Hill where they will be heard and recognized by the media and, ultimately, the taxpayers of Massachusetts. What better place to come together than at a pre-existing campus unifying organization such as SAC? ●

One of the student leaders I came in contact with was the President of Framingham State's Student Government Association, Ryan McKeen. He was at the SAC meeting at Worcester State on November 30. "It was interesting to see the views presented by Westfield State College at the Student Advisory Council meeting last Thursday," McKeen wrote in a recent email. He continues, "Your SGA President (Mandy Miranda) is very cautious in proceeding with student support of the faculty. They (WSC's student government) claimed that this 'was not a student issue.' Do they really believe that this is not a student issue?"

In the November 6 issue of the Campus Voice, Miranda said in regards to the faculty negotiations that although SGA was in complete support of the faculty, they will "continue to remain a non-partisan group. We will factor non-bias factual information in regarding the contracts to the students." For years now, including the years I was on SGA, the Executive Board has played the neutrality card, while claiming to be in the process of gathering information. WSC's Executive Board has had enough time to "factor non-bias factual information." **It is time for them to accept the facts:** The social conservatives aim to privatize all public decisions and institutions, including state colleges. They don't keep their plan a secret; it clearly states this information on their website (www.pioneerinstitute.org). **It is time to accept the facts:** MA is ranked dead last in the amount of spending it delivers to public higher education. **It is time to accept the facts:** Our faculty has been without a fair contract compensating what they deserve monetarily for too long. Their academic freedom is at risk, thus, so too is our freedom to learn. Ask any one of your professors about the demoralizing conditions they are teaching in. **It is time to accept the facts:** Standardization is the first step towards privatization, and although we all may learn to be good test takers, we cannot learn morals, ethics and character from a high-stakes test atmosphere. **It is time to accept the facts:** A growing number of students are beginning to support this cause; isn't it time the Executive Board of SGA sacrifices their special interests and represent the students that they are in a position to represent? **It's time to accept the facts:** If we don't do something to defend ourselves against the deafening force of the social conservatives, we all may begin to believe that maybe state colleges are really just second class schools. ●

WSC administrators say that acquaintance rape, involving alcohol is most common

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Harassment Advocacy team, acquaintance rape is when non consensual sexual intercourse is committed by a date, friend, significant other, or someone the victim knows only casually, from a residence hall, class, club or mutual friends.

Sue LaMontagne, Director of Student Affairs, said that acquaintance rapes are the situations she sees come through her office. "Every case I see is a situation of acquaintance rape or acquaintance sexual assault," she said. LaMontagne said, though, that this is the same situation for every college. She said this may be a result of a trust level people have at college. "In acquaintance rape situations, what you're talking about is a violation of trust," she said.

Chief Scannell, the Director of Public Safety, said acquaintance rapes have been all the cases of rape that he has seen in the past 7 years. He said that these are mostly related to drug and alcohol use during the incident of rape. He said that being under the influence is a sure sign of vulnerability, and as a result, "educational programs need to help you understand where the danger zones are."

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Director of Student
Affairs

Acquaintance rape is a problem at almost all colleges, LaMontagne said. In a CORE Study recently released by the CORE Institute, which included a survey of 90,000 students at 171 colleges, 11.5% of the people surveyed said that they had been taken advantage of sexually while drinking. 5.3% of those surveyed also said that they had taken sexual advantage of someone else while drinking.

In another study by Ms. Magazine in 1988, 1 in 12 male students surveyed had committed acts that met the legal definition of rape or attempted rape. The survey also reported that the average age of both the rapist and the victim was 18.5 years old. This is the average age of a college freshman as well.

Acquaintance rape is not a new phenomenon on college campuses either. In a study conducted in 1957 by Purdue University, 30% of women surveyed were victims of rape or attempted rape while on a date. In Purdue's study in 1967, the survey found that 25% of men questioned had attempted forced sexual intercourse. In a 1982 study done by Auburn University, 25% of women surveyed had at least one experience of forced intercourse, and 93% of those women said that the experience involved an acquaintance.

Students, faculty, and administrators have all said that the problem of acquaintance rape does exist here at WSC. Although many have said that more should be done about it, many have also said that there is much being done now. Sheehan said that the Counseling Center works with many other departments to create programs that address rape and sexual assault. She said that she often teams up with Andy Johnson, the Associate Director of the Campus Center, to bring speakers and to put on theatre productions, such as the Equology production that was an interactive theatre group dealing with the issues of alcohol and acquaintance rape.

Sheehan said that programs are provided during New Student Orientation for both parents and students concerning rape. She said that she also encourages groups like MARASA and the Sexual Assault/ Sexual Harassment Advocacy Team here on campus. She said that this group provides support for students who have experienced sexual assault. "An advocate will let someone know what they're options are," she said.

Sheehan said that one thing that could help is establishing a women's center on WSC. She said that on other campuses, these centers play a role in educating people about rape and sexual assault. "This is the only campus I've ever been on that hasn't had a women's center," she said, but also added that she understands it is an issue of space here.

Sheehan also said that all students, especially men, getting involved will be a benefit. She said that there must be consciousness-raising on the part of both men and women. "The ideas will really spread if men are participatory," she said. "I'm a firm believer in that's what it will take."

LaMontagne said that some of the educational programs she's involved with are workshops in the parent/student orientation, the He Said/She Said program that was held last spring, and the Last Call program that was held during Alcohol Awareness week. She said she also deals with rape and sexual assault through the Student Conduct Board. The Board hears the testimonials of all violations on campus, including rape, during a hearing. She said that all on the Board go through sexual assault training to "flush out myths about sexual assault." She said that, if the Board finds the accused rapist or assaulter guilty, they impose a punishment. She said that this is usually "minimum suspension from housing through expulsion from the college, depending on the severity of the issue."

LaMontagne said that she felt students were the best tool in educating people about this issue. "Students can go the furthest in teaching other students about this issue," she said.

Jon Conlogue, the Director of Residential Life (Res. Life), said that Res. Life has co-sponsored programs on rape and sexual assault education with other departments, such as a poster campaign, and that there was a review of the campus rape and sexual assault policy at the Residence Town Hall meetings last week in preparation for more programs to be developed for next spring.

Another step Res. Life and the college has taken to help prevent rape and sexual assault on campus was to place tec key locks on the bathrooms in Courtney, Scanlon, and Lammers Halls. Davis and Dickinson Halls were unable to have these locks installed due to the layout of the building. "I think that the Davis and Dickinson bathrooms' proximity to student rooms on either side makes assaults in these bathrooms more likely to be heard and interrupted than in some of the other halls," Conlogue said. "I'd still prefer to have the tec key system in place there as well, but this problem has been difficult to solve."

Some students living in Davis and Dickinson Halls have expressed a feeling of vulnerability as a result of the bathroom situation in these halls. Kim Taranto, a freshman in Davis Hall, said that using the bathrooms does not always feel safe. "I don't get home until late at night, so using the bathroom then to wash up and have guys walk through is uncomfortable," she said.

Scannell said while many of the department's on campus sponsor programs to provide rape and sexual assault education, their job is ensuring students are in a safe environment and trying to deter crime. He said that Public Safety does get involved in these educational programs, such as orientation and safety programs in the Residence Halls, but often their roles come in after a rape or assault has occurred.

Scannell said that Public Safety's first role is to gather all the facts after a rape or assault has occurred, so that if the victim decides to press charges, evidence will be there. He said that some of their other roles are to get the victim to a medical exam after and establish a connection for the victim with an advocacy or a rape crisis center. He also said that Public Safety has police officers who are certified rape investigators. "We don't want to victimize the person twice," he said.

Concerning the 3 reports of rape in the police log this semester versus the 3 reports of rape in 1999, he said that although the statistics go up, rape has always been there. He said that the increase in reports is due to more education on the subject. He also said that approximately less than 1% of the reported rapes they receive are untrue.

Scannell said that the thing he stresses most to help prevent rape and sexual assault is alertness and to look out for friends. "A very real concern is to keep yourself alert at all times," he said. He said that this is hard to do when alcohol is involved, and that this is something friends and roommates should talk about and come up with a plan. He also encouraged anyone who has been victimized or knows a victim to come see Public Safety, and he ensures strict confidentiality.

Cahill says that while prevention and educational programs are good, it is not enough. "What we really have to get at is the attitudes," she said. She said that the problems of rape exist because of the way people are socialized; women aren't taught to defend themselves, and if they are assertive, they're ostracized. "Attitudes about sex and masculinity and femininity have to be challenged," she said.

Voice of The Week

Chris Ward

POSITION AT WSC: NATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGER FOR THE CAMPUS VOICE, MEMBER OF THE IR CLUB, COFFEEHOUSE HOST, THE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD, AND CAMPUS AARP REP.

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FAMILY: BROTHER, MOTHER AND BRAND NEW NEPHEW

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: IT'S SMALL ENOUGH THAT ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

FUTURE PLANS: STABLE INCOME, GROWN-UP CAR AND WANTS TO WRITE

FAVORITE QUOTE: "IF GOD TRULY LIVES INSIDE US, I HOPE HE LIKES ENCHILLADAS, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT HE'S GETTING." -JACK HANDY

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE BEATLES, "YELLOW SUBMARINE" TIED WITH "THE GRADUATE"

QUESTION YOU WOULD MOST LIKE ANSWERED: WHO'S GOT THE NEXT ROUND?

FAVORITE FOOD: SHEPHERD'S PIE

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News Briefs

Sleep's role in learning

New research offers fresh evidence that sleep is necessary for the brain to consolidate memories and learning.

Robert Stickgold of Harvard Medical School and colleagues trained 24 people to do a visual task. Half of the subjects went to sleep the night after they learned how to do the task, while the other half were kept awake until the next night. Both groups were then allowed to sleep normally for two nights so they would be fresh when they were tested again.

The subjects who slept the first night did better than they did on the first day, while the other group did not improve despite the two nights of catch-up sleep.

"It seems that memories normally wash out of the brain unless some process nails them down," said Stickgold, whose research was published in the December issue of the journal Nature Neuroscience. "My suspicion is that sleep is one of those things that does the nailing down."

U.S. economy slowing

The U.S. economy appears to be slowing more suddenly than previously thought; the slowdown increases chances that the high-flying economy's long-sought "soft landing" could turn hard, driving up unemployment and forcing the Federal Reserve to reverse course and slash interest rates.

State Farm in news

State Farm, California's largest insurer, unveils a controversial plan to lower insurance premiums slightly for drivers of some of the biggest vehicles on the road while boosting rates for other smaller, cheaper cars.

Research shows men and women have difference in brain.

Confirming what many women have long suspected, new brain research shows that men give only half a mind to what they hear, listening with just one side of their brains while women use both.

New Mexican president faces uncertainty

Whether he looks back to massacres and torture cases or forward to ending such abuses, President-elect Vicente Fox is surrounded by vexing human rights challenges; how he handles them could determine whether he succeeds in turning Mexico into a lawful nation.

Actor was shot by officer in back, autopsy shows

By Jeffery Rabin
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - The television actor killed by a Los Angeles police officer responding to a noise complaint at a Halloween party was shot once in the back of the head and three times in the back, wounds that appear to contradict police accounts, according to an autopsy report released Monday.

Police said Anthony Dwain Lee was fatally shot on Oct. 28 at a Los Angeles mansion after pointing a replica handgun at a police officer standing outside a glass door. Lee, 39, who was in a back bedroom with two other men, turned suddenly toward an officer who was shining a flashlight through the glass, police said.

The coroner's report, signed by Deputy Medical Examiner Jeffrey P. Gutstadt, found Lee had been struck from behind with four bullets, with two of the bullets in the back causing his death as they tore through vital organs.

"He could not have withdrawn a gun from his waist and pointed a gun at the officer and then have been shot four times in the back. It's impossible," said Cameron Stewart, an attorney with the law firm of Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., who was retained by Lee's family.

Stewart said she plans to file a claim soon with the city of Los Angeles, the first step in a wrongful death action.

Calling the incident "a senseless, unprovoked tragedy," Stewart said she hopes city officials "will recognize the tragedy that has occurred and will step up to the plate and do the right thing."

Lee, an up-and-coming actor who had years ago turned from gangs and became a practicing Buddhist, was friends with one of the hosts and a guest at the costume party. Residents of the house had hired a security guard and talked to neighbors in advance about the party.

Someone called police shortly after midnight to complain about noise. Los Angeles Police Department Officers Tarriel Hopper and Natalie Humpherys were dispatched to investigate. A security guard met them in an entry area and asked them to wait while he found one of the hosts.

But Hopper, 27, went outside. He made his way along a narrow, outdoor walkway and came to the back bedroom where Lee, Jeff Denton - one of the hosts - and a third man were chatting. Hopper said he shined his flashlight through the glass door. He fired when Lee allegedly reached into his waistband and pulled out what appeared to be a .357-magnum semi-automatic handgun and waved it in his direction, according to police. The gun was a rubber replica.

Nine shots were fired, according to police, who are conducting an investigation. The district attorney's office and Cochran's firm are conducting their own separate inquiries.

Cocaine and alcohol were found in Lee's system, the coroner's autopsy report said.

Los Angeles Police Department spokesman Lt. Horace Frank said Monday he could not comment on the report because the department had not yet had a chance to read and evaluate it. Regarding the four shots in the back, he said: "They can be explained."

The coroner's report, he said, will be a key component of the investigation.

"It should be noted there were reports early on in this investigation that Mr. Lee was struck in the back," Frank said.

School expels fraternities for forced drinking

By Tony Perry
Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO - In a strong statement against drinking and hazing, San Diego State University on Monday expelled two fraternities for recent incidents in which underage pledges were forced to drink to excess and became sick.

Two pledges were taken to a hospital for alcohol poisoning.

"This behavior will not be tolerated," said Jim Kitchen, San Diego State vice president for student affairs, in announcing the expulsion of Beta Theta Pi and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternities. The case was turned over to the city attorney for possible prosecution of fraternity members.

The action comes amid national concern about excessive drinking among students, particularly at fraternities.

By some studies, more than 50 college students each year are killed by alcohol poisoning.

"We cannot look at alcohol abuse as just a way of college life," Charles B. Reed, chancellor of the California State University system, said last month. "Our children's lives are at stake."

The San Diego State incidents involved pledges who were coerced into excessive drinking as a condition of winning acceptance into the fraternity.

At Beta Theta Pi, four 18-year-olds on Sept. 30 were coerced into drinking and one later had to be hospitalized for alcohol poisoning and a gash on his chin he suffered when he passed out.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon incident, which occurred at the apartment of a fraternity member Oct. 17, involved three 18-year-olds, one of whom suffered a near-fatal case of alcohol poisoning.

-File photo

The Beta Theta Pi crest.

The fraternities will not be allowed to sponsor events and social functions, use university facilities or vote on the interfraternity council.

The university does not have authority to close the fraternity houses, which are off campus and privately owned. But a national official with Beta Theta Pi said that San Diego State members will have to find another place to live because the organization's rules prohibit recognition of a chapter that has been expelled.

"We value the collegial relationship with our universities and respect their positions," said Tom Olver, director of risk management for Beta Theta Pi.

The national organization of Tau Kappa Epsilon has taken a different stance, calling the expulsion unfair and announcing that there are no plans to force members out of their fraternity house.

Kevin Mayheux, executive vice president and chief executive officer of Tau Kappa Epsilon, said the incident occurred at an unauthorized gathering at a member's apartment and the fraternity leadership immediately booted the member from the group.

Mayheux said he was shocked at the expulsion, given the long history of fraternities at San Diego State. The 33,000-student campus, the most populous in the California State University system, has 45 Greek organizations, with more than 1,800 members.

"Maybe it's a case of a new sheriff in town and he's got new rules," Mayheux said.

William Dejong, director of the Massachusetts-based Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention, said campuses have begun to realize that student drinking is a threat to both student health and a university's reputation.

"San Diego State has been, for many years, trying to enhance its reputation as one of the best publicly supported universities in the country," Dejong said. "It wants to correct the widespread perception that it's just a party school."

Under the expulsion, Tau Kappa Epsilon can apply for reinstatement in 2003, Beta Theta Pi in 2005.

Student shoots self with camera rolling

By Michael Krikorian
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - A 17-year-old Granada High School senior known for his quirky, intelligent and sometimes dark personality, pulled his Toyota MR2 sports car onto the campus parking lot early Friday, set up a videocamera and after turning up the radio shot himself to death in front of classmates.

"It was horrible," said Gina Romero, a 10th-grader who saw the shooting. "He put on some music, I don't know what, set up a camera, then shot himself in the head."

Students who watched the 7 a.m. suicide said at first they could not believe it was real. "They thought it was a movie," said Pia Escudero, a field coordinator for the district's mental health services unit.

"He had on (music) real loud and there was this camera and then he shot off half of his face," said John Williams, a senior at the school. "It was unreal."

A health teacher rushed to aid the student, Kevin Leung, who was taken by ambulance from the campus to the hospital. The teen was pronounced dead at 8:30 a.m., said Granada Hills High Principal Brian Bauer. The Los Angeles Police Department retrieved the videotape but would not reveal what, if anything, Leung said.

Leung was described by friends as highly intelligent. He was a fan of techno music who often dyed his hair different colors, spent hours on the Internet and dreamed of a career in filmmaking. He worked part-time at a photo lab and was a member of the Key Club, a campus service group.

Leung made a 21-minute movie last year for an English class with fellow senior, Daniel Winston, 17. The movie, titled "The Stranger," ends when the protagonist, a high school student, is shot by a bounty hunter.

Winston said his friend had threatened suicide numerous times, sometimes mischievously, sometimes gravely. He said Leung was inspired by the Buddhist monks who set themselves on fire to protest the Vietnam War, and had once suggested, in moment of dark humor, traveling to Washington to immolate himself in the lap of the statue at the Lincoln Memorial.

Recently, Winston said, Leung was having girl trouble. Winston said he got a call Thursday night from a female friend that Leung was again threatening to kill himself. But he did not take the threat seriously.

"He was just a real friendly, nice person," said Farid Bavarian, a senior. "Always there for his friends."

The suicide was the second in less than a month involving a student from the 3,700-pupil campus, one of the bright lights of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Two weeks ago, a female student tied weights to her ankles and drowned herself in her family's swimming pool, officials said.

Leung and the girl were not friends, students said.

By midday Friday, more than a dozen crisis team members set up shop in a large hall at the school.

"We have a full cadre of counselors to assist our students," said Bauer, who was in only his second day on the job as principal. Counselors will be available for parents and students at the school Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. A crisis team will also be at the school Monday.

Man's "Death Diary" touches a nerve in China

By Ching-Ching Ni
Los Angeles Times

SHANGHAI, China - "Tuesdays With Morrie" was a hit book here in China. Now there is "Death Diary," by a Shanghai cancer patient who has morphed into this nation's own Morrie Schwartz.

In fact, Lu Youqing may touch Chinese hearts even more than did the terminally ill retired professor chronicled in the U.S. best seller. Lu is only 37. And he has been able to reach out to 2 million of his countrymen through cyberspace.

Now a book version of Lu's Web site essays is due out this month - a parting gift to his wife and 10-year-old daughter.

The former real estate developer's family did not expect him to become a household name. The essays were only supposed to help Lu through the doldrums of disease. But somehow his direct and often humorous musing about life touched a nerve in a wide audience, especially young people who grew up in a material world devoid of spirituality and honest conversations about death.

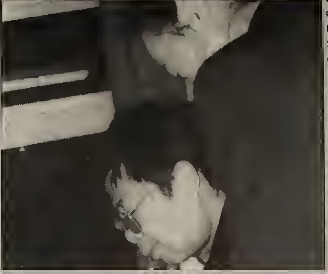
"We chose to go to a banquet instead of take our child to the museum," he wrote in one online entry, "because we think the meal is more important, not because someone forced us to eat lobsters. But think about it. Few deals are made in a restaurant. An exhibit might change a child's life."

"I feel like a piece of laundry in a washing machine; someone threw me out before the cycle is done," he wrote in another entry.

What makes Lu's fate particularly compelling is that his life epitomizes the ultimate success story of his generation. He grew up during China's destructive 1966-76 Cultural Revolution but was not old enough to be ruined by it. He glided through college and trained himself as a businessman during the heyday of China's special economic zones. He returned to Shanghai as an entrepreneur in the hot field of advertising and switched to real estate at the peak of the market.

He seemed to have it all, including a fancy apartment and his own car, putting his standard of living well above that of an average Chinese.

Then six years ago Lu found out he had stomach cancer. Five years later a malignant tumor was found on his neck. Over the summer, doctors told him he had 100 days to live.



Lu Youqing and his wife Shi Muyan.

-File photo.

To many people's surprise, the super-yuppie's reaction was not to throw money at endless high-tech treatments. After two operations and chemotherapy, he turned to writing, a dream never realized during the frenzy of his professional life. On his daughter's birthday in August, Lu logged in his first entry to www.rongshu.com, a popular literary Web site based here in Shanghai.

His final entry in October marked his own birthday.

"The Internet gave us confidence, courage and inspiration," Shi Muyan, Lu's wife and college sweetheart, said recently at a Shanghai hospital. Her husband is already too ill to speak clearly or move about; his face is swollen from the disease.

Since Lu signed off last month, his wife has been logging on in his place, reading e-mail to him and posting updates on his condition.

"I go online every night, no matter how late or how tired I am," said the former teacher, who quit her job to take care of her husband.

According to Shi, her husband had not heard of "Tuesdays With Morrie" when he started his project but was introduced to it late in his illness. The 1997 book by Mitch Albom, which tells the true story of the author's weekly discussions with his dying former professor, is the only book Lu has ever started reading but not finished, Shi said.

Lu's mind remains alert, however. He designed the jacket and inside layout of his forthcoming book, which has a running calendar on each page marking the countdown to the end. To avoid piracy, he made sure only half of what he has written appeared online. The rest is saved for his memoir. The proceeds will go to his wife and daughter.

"I am only an ordinary person. I hope more people would face life with happiness," Lu said in a coarse whisper as he thanked his publishers for rushing advanced copies of the book to his hospital bed so he could sign them for his family.

The first printing will be 70,000 copies. That may seem puny compared to Albom's book, with at least 5 million copies in print worldwide. But Lu's book is already considered a potential hot seller in the current Chinese market, said Li Bo, his Beijing publisher. Long gone are the days when hundreds of millions of people read the same book of quotations written by Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung. The market is now fragmented. There are few explosive talents and many distractions in a multimedia consumer culture.

Before "Death Diary" seduced the finicky Chinese audience, there were flashes of interest in the self-anointed "bad girl" literature. Wei Hui penned "Shanghai Baby" and Mian Mian wrote "Candy," emotionally detached semi-autobiographical tales of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll.

Then there is exiled author Gao Xingjian, who won the Nobel Prize for literature last month. Despite the award, there is a media blackout in China on news about the Paris resident and his work. Beijing oligarchs consider him subversive.

In an environment filled with choice as well as censorship, Lu's "Death Diary" seems like a safer and more sincere alternative. There are skeptics who question his motives for airing his personal drama and blame him for giving up treatment before exhausting all his options. But in general, he is seen as an endearing prototype in a country facing deep generational divides.

While the 60-year-old Gao represents a generation that is consumed by painful memories of Communist China's turbulent past, those in their 20s can't relate to their parents' suffering and see little meaning or direction in the current rat race. Lu has caught the upsides of China's radical mood swings, appealing to both young and old.

Wang Qiming said he and his college buddies initially clicked onto Lu's Web entries looking for a blow-by-blow account of death, a subject in Chinese culture generally reserved for discussions of Communist martyrs or felons. But it's the lessons on life that got them hooked.

"We are single children raised on a lot of loneliness. He taught us about family and community," said the 21-year-old Wang. "And I liked how he said 70 percent of all the books he's read (are) useless. I totally agree."

Thousands protest cut aid for Chernobyl victims

By John Daniszewske
Los Angeles Times

KIEV, Ukraine - Thousands of people, including wheelchair-bound children and widows holding black-bordered portraits of their husbands, paraded down this city's central boulevard Sunday demanding that the government maintain pensions and subsidies for victims of the world's worst nuclear accident, at Chernobyl.

Among those protesting were workers who took part in the cleanup after the disaster and children whose birth defects have been ascribed to the radioactive smoke that spewed out of the Chernobyl plant, about 80 miles north of here, when its No. 4 reactor exploded and caught fire early on April 26, 1986.

March organizers put the number of protesters at 10,000, but journalists estimated it was only about half that. Nevertheless, the column stretched for several city blocks as it proceeded first through a median strip park and then down Kreshchatik Street, Kiev's main boulevard, which was closed to traffic.

The Chernobyl Union, which lobbies for the accident's victims, organized the demonstration in an effort to halt plans by Ukraine's cash-strapped government to reduce aid to the Chernobyl victims in next year's budget.

Among the privileges at risk in current government cost-cutting plans are an end to free public transportation and abolition of a 50 percent rent subsidy given to the Chernobyl families.

"No one can give me back my husband, but at least leave us the benefits...Without them, it would be impossible to live."

-Nina Ryzhuk

More than 2.2 million of Ukraine's 50 million people are eligible for benefits stemming from the accident, either as victims themselves or as family members of victims.

"We try not to use the word 'privilege,'" said Georgy Khilya, 42, one of the marchers. "These are certain guarantees the government has given to the people who either volunteered or were sent to Chernobyl to save the country from a nuclear catastrophe."

Khilya said he was sent to the Chernobyl area as a soldier and has been hospitalized repeatedly over the years with lung and cardiovascular problems.

Another marcher was Nina Ryzhuk, carrying a hand-colored photograph of her husband, Vasily. According to her, he volunteered to help in the cleanup immediately after the accident and suffered health problems from various ailments for the rest of his life until he died last year at 67.

"No one can give me back my husband, but at least leave us the benefits. ... Without them, it will be impossible to live," she said.

The Chernobyl Union leader, Yuri Andreyev, said it was a coincidence that the march was held just as Ukraine is getting ready - after years of pressure from the European Union and the United States - to shut down the last functioning reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power station.

Still, many of the march participants said they see the impending shutdown, scheduled for Dec. 15, as an omen that they will be forgotten too.

The number of people killed by the Chernobyl disaster remains a matter of some dispute. It is known that about 30 plant workers and firefighters died soon after the accident from radiation exposure.

Statisticians believe that thousands more people have since died prematurely as a result of cancers or other accident-related illnesses.

Ethiopia, Eritrea put formal end to War

By Karl Vick
Washington Post

NAIROBI, Kenya - Ethiopia and Eritrea have agreed to a final peace pact, bringing a formal close to a border war on the Horn of Africa that ended militarily in June after claiming tens of thousands of lives.

Details of the pact, which include formal demarcation of the disputed border, were confirmed in a letter that President Clinton sent to the leaders of both countries on Friday, an official familiar with the talks said this weekend.

The agreement, brokered by U.S. envoy Anthony Lake and the Organization of African Unity, is to be signed in Algiers on Dec. 12 by Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and Eritrean President Issaias Afwerki.

Clinton has dipped into the conflict repeatedly since it erupted, seemingly out of nowhere, more than two years ago. Eritrea, a country of 3 million, had been a province of Ethiopia, population 60 million, until winning independence by referendum in 1993. The two countries had been close allies both to the United States and one another.

But what began in May 1998 as a skirmish over a remote stretch of border exposed a deep reservoir of bitterness. The neighbors, which are among the world's poorest countries, dug in and re-armed, spending hundreds of millions of dollars on weapons.

After at least three rounds of intense fighting - much of it from trenches stretching hundreds of miles - the larger, better equipped Ethiopian force pushed far into Eritrea, occupying all of the disputed territory and then some. According to U.S. estimates, between 50,000 and 100,000 soldiers died.

The lopsided battlefield result led to a negotiated cease-fire in June that included a U.N. peacekeeping force whose commanders have made a symbolic drive across the front lines. When the main force of 4,000 peacekeepers arrives next year, Ethiopian troops will fall back to their 1998 positions.

The new agreement is meant to be the "lasting settlement" that will ensure that hostilities do not resume when the U.N troops leave. Besides establishing a commission to mark the border, the agreement sets up a second panel to deal with claims from each side - both the complaints of people whose property was destroyed by the armies as well as thousands of claims from citizens of one country who were expelled from the other. Many Eritreans, for instance, complain of being forced to leave behind businesses in Ethiopia.

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Entering Westfield State College as a freshman, I was pretty sure what direction my life was going to take. I was going to be a cop. Or a high school teacher. Which would tide me over until I published a best-selling novel. Or a book of poetry. I figured that I'd make a pretty good Outdoor Ed specialist type, which would be great if my plans to be a rock star didn't pan out (which, in case you were wondering, they haven't). Still, Mass. Comm, Pol. Sci, and Psychology all appealed to me as well. My point is, I hadn't any direction at that time. Or maybe I had too much, and couldn't decide on any one path. But whatever the case, I just didn't know what to do upon graduating.

I was told, of course, that there was plenty of time to decide. That I had my whole college career ahead of me. That NOBODY knows what they want to with their lives at the age of eighteen. Well, two years later, those same people were telling me to decide on a major. That I needed some direction. It was time to get serious now. A year after that, they were asking me what I was going to do with my life. Had I started looking at business trends? Had I an internship lined up?

Well, let me make this perfectly clear: Right now, I have as little, if not less, of an idea what I want to do for a living, as I did when I was a freshman. Trust me, it's not for lack of thought on the matter. Ask any of my friends, and they'll tell you how I've beaten my head against the wall about this. It just feels that with every turn I make, there are very clear reasons why I shouldn't take that path. I don't have the mentality for a cop. I don't know enough about any one thing to teach (the case could be made that I don't know enough about any number of things, but that's fodder for another column). I have neither the patience of a novelist, nor the eloquence of a poet. And as much as I dig rock, fans seem to have this strange expectation of actual musical talent. (I have the spirit though, I swear!)

For a long time, I could think of little beyond my future profession. I felt terrible that I had not yet decided on a career choice. I felt that my indecision made me a failure, and that if I didn't have any clear-cut plans, I was wasting away. I was afraid that I'd spend my life drifting aimlessly through - first college, then life.

Now, however, it's one of the few things that are NOT costing me sleep. Because, as of late, I've been doing a lot of thinking. I've thought about who I envision myself being. I've thought about my faith, and the idea of trusting in life's strange way of working out in the end. And I've come to a very sudden revelation, something that I've always known, but never really understood the significance of.

> **"Don't train yourself for a job. You'll just be retrained once you get there. Instead, train yourself for a lifestyle."**
>
> -Jon Sewell

People are always telling me that I need to decide what I want to be. And THERE'S the problem. I know what I want to BE. I want to be a respectable man who lives with honor and integrity. I want to be the kind of man who stands up for what he believes in, does what be thinks is right, and tries to improve the lot of others whenever he can. What I don't know is how I'm going to earn my paycheck week to week. And while that is surely important, it doesn't make who I am. If I worry first about the kind of person I am, then what I do will follow.

You see, I want to survive, and I want to make a difference in people's lives. And that's about it. Beyond that, I'm not sure what I really want. But I'm OK with that indecision. I honestly feel that if I do my best to see good done in the world, then the rest of the pieces will sort of fall into place. I'm not implying that the role of a martyr is the life for me. If I can get a comfortable, high paying job out of college, hey, that's great!

But at the same time, if I need to take some random job for a couple years until I find what I really want, then I'm comfortable with that, too. I know I can find SOME job. I know that I can survive. And as long as I keep trying to make the world a better place, one person at a time, then things are going to be just fine. I can't explain how I know this. I just do. I feel it.

So this is going to be one of my shorter columns. I guess I just want to reassure students who feel the way that I do. The fact is, you'll have a college education, you have learned (hopefully) how to go about acquiring new skills, and you'll be going out into a relatively positive job market. Most Americans change careers five or six times, so what's the point in worrying about it now? Don't train yourself for a job. You'll just be retrained once you get there. Instead, train yourself for a lifestyle. Train yourself to recognize what's really important in life, and to be caring, a compassionate person. You may just find your life falling into place.

So, what do you want to be?

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

Director of Counseling Center informs students of rape prevention programs

Dear Editor:

I would like to reply to Laurel Stewart's letter that was published on November 20. I am glad that she wrote a letter to let people know that she is concerned about the number of rapes that are currently under investigation on our campus.

College students are among the most at-risk populations for sexual assault. Many of the departments here on campus see the immediate and long-term damage that results from rape and sexual assault. We continue to provide workshops, programming, educational handouts, speakers and anything else that we can think of to encourage men to take action to prevent rape and for women to take action to reduce their risk of rape. And yet it often feels that all of us in our college community are not doing enough because each year we know that lives are changed by the grim reality of sexual assault.

Here is what we do. All students who go through New Student Orientation are provided information about sexual assault on campuses. Parents who go through the same program often learn about the ways that students can be safer at college and hopefully encourage their sons and daughters to follow safe behavior.

The Counseling Center and Student Activities sponsored an interactive theatre group that focused on the topic of sexual assault and alcohol. (The majority of students who are involved in sexual assaults are under the influence of alcohol.) The Guest Lecture Series is helping the Counseling Center, Psychology, and Social Work departments bring Alan Berkowitz to campus in February, who is nationally known in the area of addressing sexual assault on campus.

Residential Life is planning meetings for every hall this semester to talk about ways to prevent further sexual assaults. We have a group of volunteers on campus who are part of the Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Advocacy Team who will help students seek out any necessary services if they have been a victim.

Public Safety has specially trained female officers who will assist victims after a sexual assault. The Student Conduct Board receives special training from the Counseling Center about the complexities of sexual assault and the effeets. Wonderfully, a group of men on campus have started a group called Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault, (MARASA). We also offer counseling to individuals. There is more, but I will stop here.

Unfortunately, rapes and sexual assaults happen on all college campuses. It is important that students, faculty, and staff are aware of sexual assaults in our college community and that we work to educate each other about risk reduction and rape prevention.

Thank you to Laurel Stewart for being concerned and for speaking out.

Dr. Jacqueline Sheehan
Director of the Counseling Center

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The Cut

CHRIS WARD

I've counted to ten. I've had a few beers (off campus, Sean), I've called the Homicide Prevention Hotline, nothing has worked. I'm steamed. Here we go...

Kevin Heaton, what the heck is up with you, man? You're like this demon Chihuahua guy tugging on my pantleg "Grrr...Grrr." Not only was your last column about my column AGAIN but you misquoted me, put words in my mouth, said I'd agree about something that I don't, advocated censorship of the airwaves, contradicted yourself, called your fellow students "children," and called a fair question "homophobia." The impressive part is that you did all of this while simultaneously saying nothing at all. Could you please go back to paraphrasing the Boston Globe for new material? I'd consider it a professional courtesy. Speaking of which... Hey, Jon Sewell or Nick Gengarelly, one of you guys wanna get tagged in? I've done my time in the barrel with Kevin and I'm tired, man, so tired.

My suitemate, Jay, just pooped the perfect pickle-shaped deuce. I went in there and looked at it and it was beautiful. Perfect shape, nice coloration... the stuff of legends, the Perfect Deuce. If you'd like to see it come up to the suite, we took a picture. Oh, speaking of poop, that legend about gum taking seven years to digest is unsound. I looked and there it was, my gum from yesterday although I suppose it could be an identical piece from seven years ago. I'll write my initials on a piece and try again.

Let's talk consistency now. No, not in poo, but in Res. Life. An anonymous party sent me an Email that yielded the following information, which I then verified as best I could through various other sources, both student and professional. If I'm in err, I did the best fact-finding that I could, but all in all, I'm a columnist, not a reporter, and therefore injecting opinion and conjecture is entirely my prerogative.

Without getting into the details of departure other than to say that they are roughly similar, three RAs left Res. Life mid-semester. The first, a female, got into an apartment. By all accounts she got in ahead of another girl who was a friend of the current residents. This is odd because last year I was told that the choice of the current residents comes first.

> **"For anyone who's heard the horror stories of Res. Life politics, here we seem to have a prime example."**
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> -Chris Ward

The second RA, a male, got to stay in his own building among his friends, which is funny considering the fate of the third, and most recent, Res. Life survivor who was told that he couldn't stay in his own section OR his own building (even though there was an open friend's room twenty-five feet away) because of confidentiality of information reasons as well as the issue of possibly dealing with his former co-workers. He was moved into an inadequately furnished triple. He was told upfront that it was a triple but only after he chose it did he find out it was a forced triple.

I'm going to pause a second here and say that the third former RA is a friend of mine and I'm taking this matter to task because I and others feel he was treated poorly.

I can also name at least three other former RAs who were given the option of staying in their own building and, in one case, in their old section, although the reason for their departures differ from the other three I've discussed.

For anyone who's ever heard the horror stories of Res. Life politics, here we seem to have a prime example. When Res. Life works it works in a fantastic way. When it allows personality issues to enter into official decisions, though, it works against itselfand looks pretty badCase in point? The night that kid put his fist through the window, the administrator on duty didn't step foot on campus, but he can show up in the dead of night to yell at some kids for flipping off an RA. Weird. (Just victims of a Res. Life drive-by! They say "Jump" you say "How high?")

Know what drives me nuts, though? When you call (or when my editor calls) a specific organization or department for a quote and they ask you to wait twenty minutes. Then they call you back and (obviously reading off a piece of paper)say how they stand by an older quote that's over a month old. A lot can change in a month. Shouldn't your opinion change with it?

Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

Kevin's Korner

KEVIN HEATON

Well, it looks like the U.S. Supreme Court has sent the Florida recount case back to their State Supreme Court. This could very well be the end for Gore. Florida is a Republican-led state and will likely give its electoral votes to Bush. This country will, for the first time in over a hundred years, have a President who does not have the popular vote. This is not good for the world's "greatest democracy."

It is a sad example of our society that the Electoral College, which is clearly undemocratic, has been allowed to stay intact for so long. This is an example of how people are much more likely to wait until there is a problem before attempting to solve it.

Even when problems arise, most people would rather complain instead of doing anything about it. This could very well be said about the majority of students at Westfield State. Many people, myself included, often say that there is nothing to do on this campus. Out of approximately 3,000 students, about 200 attended the recent Winter White Stag, which even had an alcohol section for those who were 21 years old and over.

One could make several conclusions from this. One of these might be that students would rather "party" on their own terms, preferably off campus. I can understand why students would want to have their own fun without the threat of security looming over them. However, this campus could be somewhat improved if more students chose to stay, at least when something is going on.

The Campus Activities Board has just created suggestion boxes in the Ely basement. Students could also call SGA at extension 5729. The same can be said for Weekend Programming. This isn't much to ask.

If more students were involved on this campus, more could get done and this could be less of a suitcase school. I'm not saying students could change things overnight, but it's never too early to start. Who wants to look back on their college years as a time when they just sat back and complained?

K. Heaton is a Voice Columnist

Attention Students!

The library will remain open until Midnight from December 11-14.

Books must be returned by Dec. 15, or fines will accrue over break.

Meanwhile at M.A.R.A.S.A

NICK GENGARELLY

Recently, much attention has been drawn to the rapes and sexual assaults on campus. Students have voiced their concerns and fears both publicly and privately and would like to see a change in how the situations are being portrayed. Truthfully, so would we, but as far as the police log is concerned they are presenting all the information they are allowed to. However, this isn't the only area we need to start paying more attention to.

Some feel it seems as though these assaults are being masked or withheld from the common student. Because all of the cases are still under investigation, though, no information can be disclosed, except for what we read in the police log every week. The injustice here is not the fact that we don't know what's going on, but that this kind of thing is going on period. There are so many routes we can take to avoid these situations and it saddens us that only 13 men (the men of M.A.R.A.S.A) are blazing the trail of equality and respect.

There are so many men out there, as well as women, who care and could make a huge difference but instead sit quietly in the corner and watch the world move on without them. There will never be changes if we don't make them happen, and the people who make these changes are the ones who are actively pursuing their beliefs, not just voicing them. We can all rant and rave about how something needs to be done, and how someone should do this, and someone should do that, but those "someones" can just as easily be me or you. Those individuals who feel strongly enough about the sexual assaults on campus to publish their thoughts are the same ones we need to take that writing even farther, to turn it into actions. The college community does need to address the assaults in some form, but the college community is the students.

So, maybe the reason that nothing is being done is because we feel powerless to do anything, when in reality we hold all the power. We are the majority, we are the loudest voice, we are the campus. Without the students, there would be no school, the bed in which we lay, so why not make our home and place of business more comfortable and safer. No headway will ever be made to achieve anything unless the ball starts rolling. And we have started that ball, as have other groups on campus. Now we just need a following, a show of hands by those who believe, the ones who know we can do better, who are willing to act upon their words.

This Wednesday, the 13, will be our last meeting of the month, and the semester, so we are opening our doors to all. Each month we hold an open forum to any person who wants to come, to listen or speak. We encourage everyone to attend and hope to hear from many people. There have been several individuals who are showing concern in the same area we are dealing with and we very much would like to see them there. The meeting is Wednesday December 13, at 8:30pm in Scanlon Hall.

N. Gengarelly is a Voice Columnist

Industrial Band Displays Fresh Sound

MARK HITE

As modern rock radio continues to spin the new generation of "one-hit wonders," very few bands have taken a step up when it comes to new sound. However, Professional Murder Music takes a bold leap forward with their new debut disc.

Chaotic and aggressive, yet at times well-structured and melodic, PMM proves to be an intriguing musical band that steps outside the boundaries of typical bottom heavy guitar rock. Within the blend of heavy electronic mixing and addicting guitar melodies, one can distinctly hear styles once used by the early pioneers of electric rock (The Cure and early stuff fmm The Cult).

Founded by lead vocalist Roman Marisak (former member of Human Waste Project) and bassist Jeff Schartoff, PMM has toured with several major bands ranging from Orgy to Static X. Their first major break came when their song "Slow" appeared on the "End Of Days" soundtrack which also features several other major rock acts such as Korn, Rob Zombie, and Guns and Roses.

Eventually, the secret that was PMM was noticed and shortly thereafter they signed with Geffen Records. This proved to be only the beginning of the band's success. Before they went into the studio to record their new full length, they ended up touring with Powerman 5000 and Kid Rock.

After recording their new CD under producer Josh Abraham (Orgy, Powerman 5000), the band went on the road again, this time with the "Tattoo The Earth Tour." It was there that they found a major surge in their popularity, performing with an array of loud and innovative acts.

PMM's full length starts off with the song "Slow," which already has brought them partial fame so far. Their style is truly defined in the song, which begins with a charging riff and a mellow atmospheric guitar melody. Marisak's soft, low-key vocals add the perfect touch to the music, which is very like a hard candy with a soft center (sometimes vice versa).

The next track "Fall Again," proves to be a relaxing and captivating masterpiece. The song begins with a soothing synthesizer produced beginning, which sends echoes of soft sound into the listener's eardrums. This gives way to a slow yet addicting head-bobbing beat, which is prominent throughout the song.

The familiar dark and seductive guitar work of A Perfect Circle's guitarist Troy Van Leeuwen (Marisak said the song needed his particular signature style) can be heard within the tower of feather like sound.

Marisak provides the vocals, asking questions such as "What do you need to feel this/What do you think is right," and the chorus "Fall again/I can fall again/Dream again/I can dream again," which will make just about anyone want to sing along.

The song "Does It Dream" features Marisak's former Human Waste Project band member Aimee Echo with a seductive backing vocal performance. The song itself is virtually filled with dark melodies and emotionally charged lyrics such as "You crushed the lies I've known so long and all I thought was real."

The song "Darker" begins with an eerie high-pitched shrill which is mixed throughout the song. The low toned guitars in the song ad the perfect amount of aggression while Marisak belts out the lyrics of torment like "Why am I so alone with so many around."

The track "These Days" is another song that begins with a razor sharp electronic intro, which is mixed into the heavy and methodical guitar work throughout the song. This also proves to be another outlet for Marisak's frenzied vocals who spews out vicious lyrics like "Why can't you go away/I can't stand your face right here now."

Other tracks standouts include the Cure cover of "A Night Like This" and the insane heavy "Of Unknown Origin." While recording, the band also worked on tracks with the likes of DJ Lethal (of Limp Bizkit/House Of Pain fame) and Tommy Lee (Ex-Motley Crue drummer/Methods Of Mayhem).

The band said they used several movies as influences for their music. However, instead of writing lyrics about the movie, they write music that fits the mood of a certain scene. Some of the movies used as influences were Reservoir Dogs and 12 Monkeys.

Although PMM's full-length is not due out until some time in 2001, we were lucky enough to get an advance copy at WSKB. Already, several DJs have taken interest in the innovative mix of electronic rock that is PMM.

To put it simply, it's ironic that PMM's future release could be one of few leading the path into the future of the music.

Different genres come together at coffeehouse

■ **Coffeehouse**

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songs.

DJ Renzi followed playing a couple original songs and one cover song. This was Renzi's first appearance at the coffee house without his band, Lloyds Hill. He encouraged crowd participation and took time between the songs to explain them.

"It was great, I just wish more girls came up and touched me...or guys," said Renzi.

Renzi was followed by a five-minute dance combination called "The Amigas," who were immediately followed by the WSC Dance Club. The Club put together their own Christmas dance to an N'sync song.

"We've only had a few rehearsals to put this together," said Jen Bigelow, one of the Club members.

"All the groups together were great; there is a lot of variety in the performances," said Katie Baker, another member of the Dance Club.

Next up was Ryan Miller and John Morgan, who kicked off their acoustic set with a rendition of the 80's hit "Take On Me" by Aha. The duo then asked for any requests and were answered by a swarm of song titles from the audience. Miller and Morgan decided to play two Dave Matthews songs and a Phish tune.

"I appreciate everyone's hard work that make these coffee houses happen. Maggie, the people who help move equipment, the DJs and of course the reporters," said Morgan.

Next up, comedian Deirdre O'Shea went through a routine of original humor. She wished everyone happiness in whatever holiday they celebrated.

Freshman, Nathan Sigman took the stage next playing two original songs and one cover. The crowd, who had called out for "Number 41" by Dave Matthews while Morgan and Miller played, received their request when Sigman performed the song.

Next up was Wayne Hsaio on piano and Erica May on vocals. Doing all original songs, the duo announced they'd be selling their CD for one dollar and that all proceeds would go toward the headstart program.

Coffeehouse regulars Tim Moynihan and Amanda Jenkins were up next performing two songs. Moynihan played guitar and Jenkins sang the songs.

John Morgan came up again to perform the well known classic "American Pie."

The Martial Arts Club came on next bringing a new element to the Coffee house. The Club demonstrated the moves they'd been working on for the last few months.

"We were originally going to perform at the November coffee house but we didn't think we were ready, so we worked on everything and did it tonight," said Mike Rene, a club member. Group leader, Martin Lee dislocating his knee during the demonstration, being unable to complete his performance with the Breakdancers.

At 9:40, the Breakdancers made their way onto the floor, to the sounds of applause and cheering. The seven-member group, minus Martin Lee, showed the crowd what they could do with a series of flips and handstands. At one point one member rested on another's shoulders while holding up yet a third member.

Two more acts remained before the night was over. Lloyds Hill played three brand new songs, to promote the band's show at the Middle East in Cambridge. The show will be on December 26 with Sol Patch and a couple other bands. When the band finished up, the crowd thinned a little, but Celestial Drum used the smaller crowd to their advantage. Matt McCarthy got the crowd to participate in hand clapping along with their songs. The group was made up of ten people creating music using an assortment of drums, a saxaphone, and a piano. At one point the group moved into the crowd to jam with them.

At the end of the night, one hundred and fifteen dollars were made in donations. Commuters were encouraged to come to the coffee house, as the coffee house occurred during commuter week.

-Photo by Jed Dion

DJ Renzi playing guitar during Lloyds Hill

MTG's emotional masterpiece

BY JESSICA NORDEN
VOICE REPORTER

When many people think of the Bible, funny isn't the first thing that comes into any person's mind. Well, funny, sad, heroic, and many other words will come into a person's mind once he or she is in the audience of Children of Eden by the Musical Theatre Guild. Directed by Heather Bradwin, the musical is based on the first nine chapters of Genesis, the first book of the Bible.

The musical opens with "Father," played by Jim Fredenburg creating the earth with day, night, and eventually gets to the creation of Adam and Eve. Fredenburg's voice is amazing and truly makes the audience believe that he is God.

Adam and Eve, played by Daniel Cassidy and Kendra Kachadoorian, are told by Father that everything around them in Eden is theirs. They are able to name the animals and eat whatever fruit they choose, except for the fruit on the Tree of Knowledge. Adam and Eve obey his wishes until one day when Eve's curiosity comes over her and she approaches the tree, when a snake played by Kate Farrell, Nichole Provencal, Jenn Bronlow, Dave McGovern, and Jason Renslow, approaches her and tempts her and gets her to eat an apple that is on the tree. Father comes along and is outraged that Eve disobeyed him, and tells Adam that he must choose between him or Eve. Adam chooses the woman he loves, and they are banished from Eden by Father. The sadness in this scene is heart-wrenching, and you can sense the disappointment in Father's voice.

Years later, Adam and Eve's sons, Cain and Abel, played by Robert Duval and James Sullivan, got into an argument over whether or not "Father" was going to come back for them and their parents. "Father" appears, but to their dismay, does not want to see their parents. His only reason was to see his grandchildren, Cain and Abel. They are told to not tell their parents that they saw him. Eventually, Adam and Eve find out that Father came to see just Cain and Abel, and they are upset. Cain and Adam get into an argument and Cain tries to kill Adam, but Abel gets in the way and is killed by Cain. Cain is so overcome with guilt and grief that he runs off and never comes back.

Throughout this first act, the actors truly uphold the status of each person they portray and bring the story of The Creation and Adam and Eve to life with great vigor and passion. Each soloist brings their song to life and truly puts all of his or her effort into the song, and further helps to bring this musical to life.

The second act open with Noah, played by Jonathan Plouffe, building the Ark and talking to Father, who tells him that he is working too slowly and needs to work faster before the floods begin. Noah is told that two of each animal is going to come and also that all of his sons need to be married before the trek to the ark. Noah tells Father that all but one of his three sons are married and that his youngest, Japheth, played by Nathan Blais, has found the woman he wants to marry and will introduce her to his family.

Yonah, played by Jennifer Hines, is a descendant of Cain, whose descendants are not allowed to live once the floods hit. Yonah, who is one of Noah's servants, just also happens to be Japheth's future wife. Noah is furious when he discovers this and trouble then arises after his confrontation with Japheth. This act is brought alive by the solos of Mama Noah, played by A'ndrea Blake, and the witty dialogue between Noah's two other sons, Ham and Shem, played by Adam Malmborg and Aaron Morris.

This musical is definitely one you want to see more than once, for the humor and sadness all amounts to a great musical, with a great director, cast, and crew.

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Trask and Beauchemin

Jed Dion
A&E Editor

Anyone who's looking for for a way to relax after a wild weekend should look no farther. "Something Completely Different," a jazz show on WSKB, hits the air waves every Sunday afternoon from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock.

Friends since high school Jeff Trask and Mike Beauchemin, both Juniors majoring in Criminal Justice, play jazz by Miles Davis, John Coltrane and Duke Ellington.

"We wanted to get involved with radio since we got here but for some reason we never did. One day I was sitting in Ely and a bunch of my friends were heading down to the general interest meeting for the radio station so I went down and signed up," said Beauchemin.

"They needed a jazz show so since we've been listening to jazz forever, we did it," said Trask.

This is the duo's first semester doing a radio show.

It's kind of nice doing the show on Sunday too because it's so relaxing and very convenient for us," said Beauchemin.

While the show has a main focus on jazz, Beauchemin and Trask like to toss in something they call the "Something Completely Different Track."

"It is like a song that has nothing to do with jazz, we just toss it in to mix up the show a little," said Trask.

Besides doing a radio show, Trask is involved in audio and video; he even does some work over at Channel 22. He also enjoys movies and concerts. Trask worked as a corrections officer at the jail over the summer.

Beauchemin is also involved in audio and video. He works with Trask at their old highschool helping out the video class.

"I'd like to join the outing club, but they always meet during our show," said Beauchemin.

The duo try and get listeners' responses to the conversations they hold over the air as well as requests.

"We like to have people call up and give us feedback to our conversations. We also like for people to make requests," said Beauchemin.

"We kind of like giving news and stuff; we'd kind of be interested in doing a news show," said Trask

The Visit exemplifies evil and temptation

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

The temptation of evil has never before been exemplified as well as it was last week in the Westfield State College Theatre Arts Program performance of Friedrich Duerrenmatt's *The Visit*. Using Nazi themes and Biblical overtones, the cast of *The Visit* displayed to the audience that evil and temptation can easily take over the human soul.

Directed by Jack Shea, the actors took viewers on a frightening journey through the display of revenge and the power of money over all. The plot began in the lowly town of Guellen, somewhere in Central Europe in the mid-fifties. It was there that we realized the town was in shambles, working to the bone to get by and itching for a cure to their poverty. The townspeople focused on the arrival of Claire Zachanassian, played by Jennifer Lafluer, a billionairess who is returning to her native soil, bringing with her (unsuspected to the townsfolk) a secret of revenge and a posse of evil. Claire's fortune was the solution to Guellen's problems, and the people of the town were willing to do almost anything to have it.

But when Claire revealed the secret that she had buried all those years, that her childhood love, Anton Schill, played by Stephen West, had impregnated her and then in court sworn that he was not the father, and even still paid off two men to testify that they had slept with her as well, the town is in shock. Claire offers the town a large sum of 1 billion marks, half to the town and half to be split amongst its members, but on the one condition that Anton is murdered. When the town denies her request, she simply tells them that she can wait and sits back and watches the evil take over.

Anton now is thrown into a panic, realizing that things around him are slowly beginning to change. The people of the town begin to buy more luxurious items in his store, and are charging new purchases all over town. Even his family turns against him, charging a new car, clothes and lessons. When the people realize what debt they have acquired, they are forced to ask Claire for the money again. But this time when she makes the condition of Anton's life clear, the town meets to make a final decision. The theme portrayed by the cast, that money can overtake the human psyche and temptation can turn into evil, are very powerful things.

The town meets, and although some are reluctant, they unanimously vote to kill Anton Schill and receive the 1 billion marks from Claire to save their town. The Nazi theme begins here, when the cast members raise their right hands in a salute to kill Anton. The now present deterioration of the town in morality takes over and the people themselves play God by deciding whose life should be taken. One of the Bible themes resides in this scene; when the Pastor, played by Amanda Jenkins, tells Anton that she will pray for him and he replies, "Pray for all of us." This was equivalent to the scene out of the Bible when Jesus Christ was being put to death by his peers and he asks God for their forgiveness.

The Visit ends with the persecution and death of Anton, the worship of Claire as if she were a god, and worship of the wealth she bestowed on the town. Claire leaves the evil she brought into the town there after she leaves, as it has permeated the entire people with its mission.

West (Anton Schill) was brilliant in the lead male role of *The Visit*. He captured sheer panic and fear in his character and then complete realization that he was going to die and there was nothing he could do. West's portrayal of Anton was excellent; he proved to the audience that although temptation conquers most, it does not conquer all.

Lafleur (Claire Zachanassian) was breathtaking in the lead female role. She captured the essence of evil in her laughter and her poise. Lafluer was extremely convincing, and her character was frightening as well as complicated. The audience was awed at her unbelievably accurate performance.

The use of the Zanni, played by Jessica Leibovitz, Carmella Rossomando, Richard Sabonis and S. Ashley St. Mary, was extremely prominent in this play. The Zanni represented the evil that Claire brought into the town and left there, and the actors who portrayed this evil were excellent. They made the audience believe that there was some force creeping up on the townsfolk and lingering there.

Dan Derby, who played Burgomaster, and Elizabeth Marshall, who played Teacher Professor Mueller, were portrayed excellently as two characters torn apart by the evils of society. The entire cast performed incredibly as the townspeople of Guellen. It was a wonder to see such enormous talent at WSC.

Chris Slaughter, scenic and sound designer, and Julie Leavitt, costume and lighting designer, were both an asset to *The Visit*. The creatively detailed set and costumes played a very important part of the play, and how well it did. It was an incredible sight for the eyes.

The Visit was a mind-blowing experience that encouraged every person who viewed it to explore their own soul for the evil that lies deep within.

WSKB's Top 30

1. Newfound Glory - Newfound Glory - Drive-Thru
2. Kicked in the Head - Thick as Thieves - Highscore
3. Less Than Jake - Borders and Boundries - Fat Wreck Chords
4. V/A - Metalliska: A Ska Tribute to 80's Metal - Too Hep
5. Outkast - Sankonia - Arista
6. Wally Pleasant - Hoedown - Miranda
7. Chixdiggit - From Scene to Shining Scene - Honest Don's
8. Tsar - Tsar - Hollywood
9. Dweezil Zappa - Automatic - Favored Nations Entertainment
10. NOFX - Pump up the Valuum - Epitaph
11. Potshot - Til I Die - Asian Man
12. The Offspring - Conspiracy of One - Columbia
13. Linkin Park - Hybrid Theory - Warner Bros.
14. Orgy - Vapor Transmission - Reprise
15. Swingin' Utters - Swingin' Utters - Fat Wreck Chords
16. Wu Tang Clan - The W - loud
17. Bim Skala Bim - Krinkle - Beatville
18. Hepcat - Push n' Shove - Hellcat
19. Boiler Room - Can't Breathe - Tommy Boy
20. Radiohead - Kid A - Capital
21. Speeddealer - Here Comes Death - Palm Pictures
22. Everclear - Songs From an American Movie Vol. 2: Two Good time for A Bad Attitue - Capital
23. Lloyds Hill - Demonstration
24. Prof. Murder Music - Prof. Murder Music - Geffen
25. Pennywise - Live at the Key Club - Epitaph
26. Voodoo Glow Skulls - Symbolic - epitaph
27. Zebrahead - Playmate of the Year - Columbia
28. Chris Slaughter - Songs in the Key of Me
29. Ryan Adams - Heartbreaker - Bloodshot
30. Fatal Blast Whip - Constellation - Blacklight

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2001

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2004

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JENN HAUPT
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Important information regarding spring semester bills

Spring semester bills were mailed to all registered students on Nov. 27 at their permanent address . Each student is required to return the top part of the bill and payment adjustment form by Monday, Dec. 18, 2000.

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December is National (3D) Drunk, Drugged, and Driving Month. The National Highway/Traffic Safety Administration states that 16,000 people lost their lives as a result of impaired driving last year. This statistic indicates there was one fatality every thirty-three minutes, one injury every two minutes, and one arrest every forty-seven seconds. The **"You Drink & Drive, You Lose"** campaign aims to reduce fatalities to no more than 11,000 annually by the year 2005.

Friday, December 15 **"Lights on for Life"**. All drivers are asked to keep there lights on for the day.

Justin Doyle Wins Quick Short Story Contest

Justin Doyle, a Junior English major from Hampden, has won the Year 2000 Quick Short Story Contest. Contestants had 75 minutes to compose a short story, building from a first line they had not seen before. Emily Broga, a Senior Special Ed. major from Huntington, won second prize. The third prize went to Erica Hull, a Senior Elementary Ed. major from Monson.

The contest for students in creative writing classes helps writers discover ways to free their imaginations. "Dealing with another person's opening and working under severe time pressure can free a writer from her comfort zone," said Professor Stephen Sossaman, who runs the competition. "Every year several students write fine short stories that never would have existed without the prompt of an odd first line."

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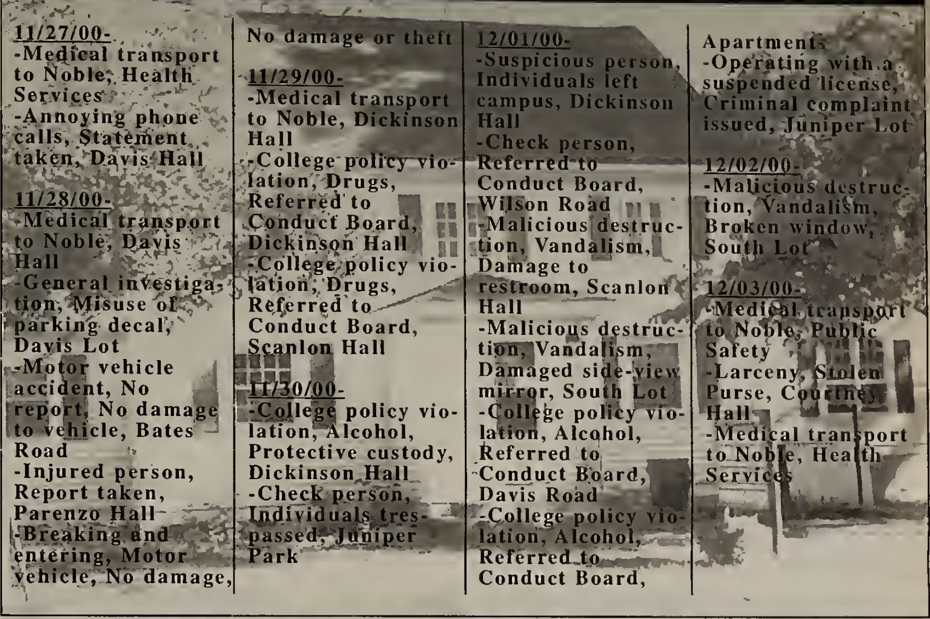

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-Annoying phone calls, Statement taken, Davis Hall

11/28/00-
-Medical transport to Noble, Davis Hall
-General investigation, Misuse of parking decal, Davis Lot
-Motor vehicle accident, No report, No damage to vehicle, Bates Road
-Injured person, Report taken, Parenzo Hall
-Breaking and entering, Motor vehicle, No damage, No damage or theft

11/29/00-
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-College policy violation, Drugs, Referred to Conduct Board, Dickinson Hall
-College policy violation, Drugs, Referred to Conduct Board, Scanlon Hall

11/30/00-
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Protective custody, Dickinson Hall
-Check person, Individuals trespassed, Juniper Park

12/01/00-
-Suspicious person, Individuals left campus, Dickinson Hall
-Check person, Referred to Conduct Board, Wilson Road
-Malicious destruction, Vandalism, Damage to restroom, Scanlon Hall
-Malicious destruction, Vandalism, Damaged side-view mirror, South Lot
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to Conduct Board, Davis Road
-College policy violation, Alcohol, Referred to Conduct Board, Apartments
-Operating with a suspended license, Criminal complaint issued, Juniper Lot

12/02/00-
-Malicious destruction, Vandalism, Broken window, South Lot

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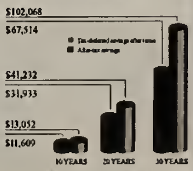

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Owls Fall Short In Hard-Fought Loss To W. Conn.

By Mickey Curtis, SID

WESTFIELD - Western Connecticut State held on for a 76-73 victory over Westfield State in a hard-fought men's basketball game Tuesday, Dec. 5, in front of an overflow Parenzo gym crowd.

Westfield, 4-3, trailed 73-69 when senior guard Kurt Huggins banked in a shot high off the glass with 31.5 seconds remaining. Huggins was fouled on the played and missed the free throw, but freshman forward Veso Jaukovic put back an offense rebound to tie the score at 73-all with 24.1 seconds left.

Western Connecticut, 4-2, then went to its go-to guy - senior center Everton Stewart (Bloomfield, Conn.), who banked in a seven-footer inside the lane with 8.1 seconds remaining.

Western Connecticut stole Westfield's inbounds pass and the Owls were forced to foul Leonard Rinas with 3.5 seconds remaining. Rinas made his first free throw for a 76-73 lead, but missed his second attempt. Jaukovic grabbed the rebound and took several dribbles before passing the ball to senior guard Kris Kachlemeyer, whose 30-foot buzzer beater from the left wing hit the front of the rim.

Rinas led Western's balanced attack with 17 points, including 8-for-9 from the foul line. Stewart scored 16 followed by Kevin Matthews (15) and Mark Carter (13).

Jaukovic came off the bench to score a game-high 20 points for the Owls, who shot just 37 percent from the field. Huggins and senior Jon Mazzone both tallied 11 points.

The Owls missed 52 field goal attempts and 10 free throws.

"We missed a lot of shots, especially inside, while Western Connecticut made the shots when it had to" said coach Rich Sutter. "Western Connecticut is just a little better than us right now, but if we keep working hard and playing together we'll become a much better team."

Westfield Places Third In William Invitational

WILLIAMSTOWN - The Westfield State men's basketball team placed third in the Williams Invitational held Dec. 1-2.

The Owls could not hold onto a 12-point first-half lead as they lost to Alfred Unversity, 85-75, in the first round. Westfield then handled Elms College for the second time this season, defeating the Blazers, 103-73, in the consolation game

In a battle of unbeaten teams, Williams College defeated Alfred, 73-67, in overtime to claim the championship. Williams struggled during most of its first-round game with Elms before pulling away for a 75-54 triumph.

Alfred scored the final five points of the first half to cut Westfield's lead to seven, 44-37. The Saxons started strong in the second half to take the lead, but Westfield led 69-66 on a three-point basket by Phil Conners with 8:21 left. Alfred then outscored the Owls, 19-6 over the final eight minutes.

Free throw shooting keyed Alfred's comeback, as it made 16 of 24 from the foul line in the second half. Westfield, meanwhile, was 1-for-3 from the charity stripe. Midway through the second half, the Owls had been whistled for eight fouls, while Alfred had no team fouls.

Bryant James led Westfield's balanced attack with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Patrick Luckett and Jon Mazzone both scored 12 points. Kris Kachelmeyer, who was sidelined for the Elms game with a knee injury, scored 11.

E.J. Docteur, Alfred's leading scorer this season with a 21.2 average, scored a game-high 22 points, including 12 in the second half. Kareem McKinnon, a 6-9 senior center from Brooklyn, contributed 17 points and 15 rebounds.

All but one player scored for the Owls in their rout of Elms. Westfield used its depth and quickness to take a 57-37 halftime lead, and an 84-49 advantage with 9:16 remaining.

Senior guard Kurt Huggins pumped in a game-high 20 points in 19 minutes of action. James tallied 17 points and team highs of eight rebounds and two blocks. Freshman forward Vaso Jaukovic finished with 13 points and six rebounds.

Mt. Holyoke Outswims Westfield

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team dropped its first dual meet of the season at it lost to a strong Mt. Holyoke squad, 166-121.

Senior Julie Abare was a double winner, finishing first in the 50 breaststroke (35.31) and the 200 breaststroke (2:43.10).

Freshman Dana LedDuke was first in the 50 butterfly (29.06) and second in the 200 butterfly (2:34.91). Freshman Nicole Acheson finished second in both the 200 freestyle (2:15.37) and the 500 freestyle (6:08.48).

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 13
Men's Basketball
Home. vs. Lasell, 7:00

Westfield State Athletics Website

www1.wsc.ma.edu/athletics

Senior Jemie Vielmetti was named to the Mass. State Conference weekly honor roll for leading the Owls to victories over Elms College and Western New England. The South Deerfield native leads the Owls in scoring (12.7), assists (6.8), and steals (2.83) per game. *Mickey Curtis File Photo*

Indoor Track and Field Results

Men's Track and Field Williams invitational

TEAM STANDINGS: Williams 100; Keene State 59; Westfield 50; New Paltz !8; Middlebury 8.

FIRST PLACE: Mike Neely, high jump, 6-0.

SECOND: Mark Howard, 20 lb. weight, 11.91 meters; Mike Neely 55 hurdles, 8.11; 4 x 200 relay, 1:37.1; Stanley Pa'u, shot put, 13.84 meters; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-8.

THIRD: Ryan Fregeau, triple jump, 39-9 1/2; Ryan Fregeau, 55 meters, 6.82; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 12.7 meters; Chris Allie, long jump, 20-3/4; Josh Lewbel, high jump, 5-6.

FOURTH: Tom Gilbert, 20 lb weight throw, 11.55 meters; Matt LeMaire, 55 hurdles, 8.38; Matt James, shot put, 12.55; 4 x 400 relay, 3:42.55.

FIFTH: Tom Gusha, 55 meters, 6.96; Chris Allie, 600, 1:28.82; Mark Howard, shot put, 12.5 meters; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 18-8 3/4.

SIXTH: Chuck Himmel, 55 hurdles, 8.9; Greg Aucoin, 55 meters, 7.01; Jim Foley, shot put, 11.77 meters; Greg Aucoin, long jump, 18-3/4.

SEVENTH: Chris Hume, 55 hurdles, 9.16; Jason Olivari, 55 meters, 7.27.

EIGHTH: Tom Gusha, long jump, 17-6 3/4; Chris Hume, 300, 40.06.

Women's Track and Field Williams Invitational

TEAM STANDINGS: Williams 88; Middlebury 52.5; Keene State 41; New Paltz 29.5; Westfield State 19.

SECOND: Jess Silva, 55 meters, 7.75; Aimee Worcester, 1000, 3:38.48.

THIRD: 4 x 200 relay, 2:00.0; Nikki Esten, 600, 1:46.26; Jess Silva, 300, 44.28; Lis Collins, shot put, 10.03 meters.

FIFTH: Erin Rourke, 55 hurdles, 10.44; Kate Garrigan, triple jump, 30-4 1/4.

SIXTH: Nikkie Esten, 300, 46.6.

SEVENTH: Lis Collins, 20 lb. weight throw, 8.24 meters.

Women's Basketball Bounces West Conn.

WESTFIELD - Junior forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield totaled 20 points, six rebounds and four steals to lead Westfield State to a 60-36 women's basketball victory over Western Connecticut.

Senior guard Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield contributed 14 points, seven assists, and three steals in the big home victory.

The Owls led 26-16 at halftime and hegin pulling away midway through the second half.

Western Connecticut, 2-4, did not have any players score in double figures and only shot 27 percent from the field. In addition, the Colonials committed 31 turnovers.

"That was not an easy 24-point victory," said veteran coach Rick Berger. "Western Connecticut played probably the toughest defense we'll see all year and we had to work hard for every shot. I also was pleased with our defensive effort; we had a hand in their face on every shot they took."

Westfield 54 - WNEC 41

SPRINGFIELD - Senior forward Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield tallied 17 points, eight assists and five steals to lead the Owls to a 54-41 victory.

Junior forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield added 12 points and six rebounds for the Owls, who improved their record to 3-2.

Westfield State led 27-13 at halftime and held a 20-point lead, 33-13, with 17:18 remaining. The Golden Bears then went on a 14-2 run to cut the margin to eight, 35-27, after a three-point field goal by Heather Gaydos with 12:27 left.

Vielmetti then scored 11 of the Owls' next 13 points over a five-minute span for a 50-33 advantage with 4:21 left.

Westfield State shot 55 percent from the field, including 61 percent in the second half on 11-for-18 shooting.

Record Improves To 7-3

Ice Hockey Has Perfect Week

In a penalty-filled game, the Westfield State hockey team defeated Bates College, 2-1, at Amelia Park.

The Owls' record now stands at 7-3 with a five-game win streak.

Freshman Mike Palazzolo scored once and freshman Bobby Shaw scored the game-winner at the 9:34 mark of the third period on a powerplay. Seniors Mike Fitzgerald and Brian Huggon added an assist each, along with freshman James Carapella. Freshman goaltender Ardian Kalezic stopped 25 out of 26 shots he faced.

"We were very undisciplined in the second period," said coach Brian Ward. "We took some foolish penalties. We have to do a better job in adjusting to how certain games are being officiated.

"Kalezic was huge tonight," he added. "He was in a zone. Our guys showed heart in fighting back in the third period."

The Owls successfully killed off more than 20 minutes in penalties.

The following day at the Westfield rink, after trailing 2-1 going into the third period, the Owls scored three goals in the first three minutes of the third period and went on to defeat the nationally ranked Central Connecticut State Blue Devils club hockey team, 4-2.

Shaw tallied a goal and two assists. Freshman Ryan Lawless scored twice, including the game winner at the 17:45 mark of the third period. Carpella tallied the other goal and freshman Ken Hetzel added two assists.

Kalezic was solid once again between the pipes; he stopped 27 shots on his way to his sixth victory of the season.

"I am extremely proud of these guys," Ward said. "This was a huge week for us. We won all three games we played, and this win was very sweet. We once again came from behind and our freshman are growing and developing very quickly, game-by-game."

Westfield also rolled to a 10-0 victory over Worcester Polytech. Lawless registered a hat trick and two assists and freshman Mike Palazzola found the net twice. Also scoring were: Matt Fontaine, Mike Fitzgerald, Carapella, Shaw, and Keith Nadeau. Brian Donnelly contributed two assists.

The Owls' next game is Friday, Dec. 15, at Southern Connecticut State in New Haven.

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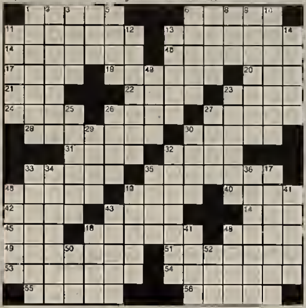

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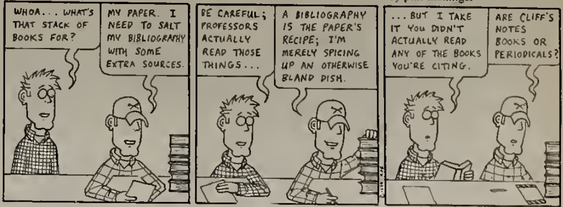
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by Mark L. Hite
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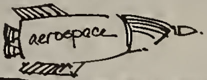

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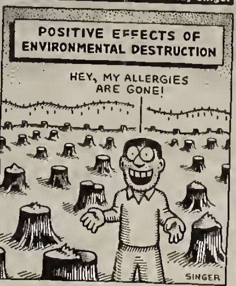
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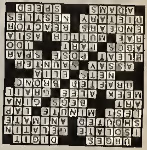

Personals

Hey Erica - drive inside the lines - the lines are our friends.

Lt. Lamb...the girls of Courtney Hall will miss you.

Is anyone else sick of Jen?

It's time...once again for all the pookies to go - SleepiePeepies.

Reardon is to WSC as Princess Lea is to Star Wars.

I'm a very bad fishie.

Have a great Christmas, Kate!

No!No!No!

Hold on, let me be sober for a minute.

Janel, did you forget to come home last night?

McLaughlin - your girlfriend sucks.

Fred Durst is MTV's bitch.

Can I borrow your toothbrush, Felicia?

Will somebody get Dommy the human slug off my couch?

Happy 21st Bday Jeff! Have a Great Day! Love, Jen, Chrissy and Julie.

Put a mistletoe on your belt and see how lucky you get. You'll be suprised.

The kid in 468 is the sweetest smelling boy around.

Grande de Mac is definitely our favorite snack. Love, the girls from 4 center.

I am wicked horny!!

To my Charlie's Angels: Where is Charlie? He's in my bed.

Who's Anne?

Tasha, you have a big forehead.

Heather, please please take me back or I'll never stop crying. Love, Folksy.

Everyone should go to systems.

Siamese Twins are great!

2C3 is the hot girls apt. -JR

Jen - Congratulations!! I always knew you were brillant. -Carla.

Happy 21st Bday, Chris! Love, Alicen.
Bush is the most underqualified President this country has ever had.

Chrissy - It's Candid Camera, not Candice Cameron.

Everything will be ok if you remember to hang it really high so no one can steal it.

Andrea, I will always remember that special night we had together. - Jeff.

Chantel - I want to father your children. - Dave (4th floor Courtney).

Caimey's last girl likes to collect squirrel heads for a living.

Randy, will you marry me? Your lawyer lover, Amanda.

Clark - on a scale from 1-10, you're bad. I will miss you. Love, Captain Insecurity.

Nice Job, Carla! (AKA Butterfingers).

Blanche drank 2 O'Douls and then passed out.

Laura, Happy 19th Bday. Love RJ.

Keith- Happy 20th Birthday. Thank you for the last year. You're the best. I loveyou always- Karen.

Bigger and drunker than the whole college.

It's not cologne, it's eau de toillette.

Hey Karen, you better hope everyone at WSC is under contract!

Thank God for Rio last weekend!

Fitz - how was that Springfield trash?

Tres means "Very" in French.

Peabody girl on 2nd floor Cort., your hot! Love, Secret Admirer.

Hey Dan - What are your thoughts on Beastiality.

Let's get rid of the metric system!

To the girl in my last class, you are my everything.

You're not a punk rocker unless you dress like a slob, right Joe?

It shoulda been Nader.

Anne, your evil twin is almost as ugly as you.

Write your congressmen, get Webster back on TV.

I'ts hard to find people on this campus who like dying.

C'mon happy chicken c'mon. Bwak bwak!

WSKB has been sounding a lot like 99.3 these days. I thought this was a college radio station?

What time does the Stupid Geek Association meet?

Ed, turn down your music or I'll tell everyone what you did last Thursday.

Does anyone on this campus care about anything?

We want snow!

Chewy gum and apples makes for an exciting night, right Tim?

My girlfriend likes my friends better then me.

Watch Your Step.

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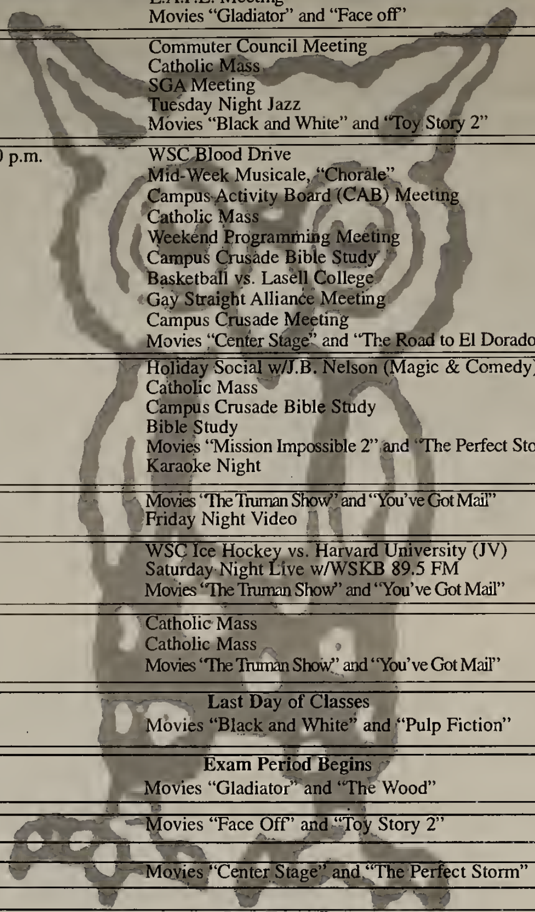
WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events



Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 12/11	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Gladiator" and "Face off"	Channels 56&57
Tue 12/12	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Black and White" and "Toy Story 2"	Channels 56&57
Wed 12/13	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	WSC Blood Drive	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	3:30 p.m.	Mid-Week Musicale, "Chorale"	Dever Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Basketball vs. Lasell College	Parenzo Gym
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Ely 232
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Center Stage" and "The Road to El Dorado"	Channels 56&57
Thur 12/14	12:00 p.m.	Holiday Social w/J.B. Nelson (Magic & Comedy)	Ely Main Lounge
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Ely Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Mission Impossible 2" and "The Perfect Storm"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 12/15	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Truman Show" and "You've Got Mail"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Video	Ely Lower Lounge
Sat 12/16	7:00 p.m.	WSC Ice Hockey vs. Harvard University (JV)	Amelia Ice Arena
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Truman Show" and "You've Got Mail"	Channels 56&57
Sun 12/17	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Truman Show" and "You've Got Mail"	Channels 56&57
Mon 12/18		Last Day of Classes	
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Black and White" and "Pulp Fiction"	Channels 56&57
Tue 12/19		Exam Period Begins	
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Gladiator" and "The Wood"	Channels 56&57
Wed 12/20	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Face Off" and "Toy Story 2"	Channels 56&57
Thur 12/21	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Center Stage" and "The Perfect Storm"	Channels 56&57
Fri 12/22		**Last Exam Day** **Students Must Leave Campus by 4:00 p.m.**	

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Late night student haven in works

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

The Loft Project, an on-campus weekend hang out area, is underway with the arrival of lighting and sound equipment, said Andy Johnson, the Associate Director of the Campus Center.

Johnson said that the location of the Loft Project will be The Third World Room in Ely, and will be open for student activities on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights until 3 a.m.

The Loft Project is an idea that was proposed by Meg Canning, Class of 2002 President, and has been worked on by administrators, faculty, and students in the past year, according to a September 18, 2000

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-Photo by RJ Burgess III

Student Security officer Ryan Forsythe helps dig out senior Eric Nygard's car from the Juniper Park parking lot last Tuesday. Last week's nor' easter dumped up to 25 inches of snow in western Mass.

Students question registration process

By Kevin Buckingham
Assistant Editor

Westfield State College's course registration methods, which includes standing in long lines and waiting for a staff member to access your file on a computer, are behind the times compared with other schools in the area according to several WSC students. Some think the process is inefficient and outdated, and it has caused frustration.

At other state colleges like the University of Connecticut and the University of Massachusetts, registration takes place completely over the phone using an automated system. UConn has been using this system since 1997, in conjunction with an online system that was installed in 1995.

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Recent dorm fire prompts safety dialogue

By Michelle DiGioia
Voice Reporter

A recent fire caused by a candle in Scanlon Hall has prompted the talk of fire safety at Westfield State College by both students and administration.

Many students on and off campus put themselves in situations that could be hazardous and they do not even realize they are doing it said Chief Paul Scannell. In residence hall rooms especially, there are rules and regulations put forth in order to try and prevent any damages and fatalities that may be caused by fires.

A fire was started last week in Scanlon Hall due to the burning of a candle in a student's dorm room. The candle got too close to flammable material and went up in flames, Scannell said.

"Candles are the leading cause of fires, resulting in the leading cause of fatalities in campus

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Coffeehouse benefits Habitat for Humanity

By Meg Canning
Voice Reporter

A combination of new and old talent alike played in the Ely Main Lounge to benefit Habitat for Humanity during the first coffee house of the semester on Feb. 7.

The show played on for three hours last Wednesday night with a dozen acts from students of all ages and experience levels.

Reverend Ruth collected money from students and asked for support to build homes for Habitat for Humanity. Interested students can contact Reverend Ruth at arembe@javanet.com or 562-6365.

The first band to perform was Shirts Off in Advance, which was made up of Rory Bellows, Matt Tetreault, Greg Marsh and Joe Skahan. The group met at Westfield State College (WSC) and they have been playing together for 4 months.

Shirts Off in Advance is fresh and good for WSC, said Steve Allison, a CIS major. "It's not Dave Matthews or rap...the music is more cultural."

So Real, made up of Junior Corey Davis and Kristin Fehlau, played a little bit of everything, according to Fehlau. Both students write their own music and are planning on getting their music recorded, she said.

They sound great this semester, said English major Hannah Zahn. "I think they're a solid band with really good vocal harmonies."

Jason Renslow from Oregon Underground said WSC's coffee house is the best regularly scheduled event on campus.

Oregon Underground percussionist Martin Lee said the new lights are cool. "I wish there was more of a crowd, though," he said.

The crowd cheered loudly for the 9 freestyle break dancers that performed next. Four area high school students joined the WSC dancers in the show.

Freshman Jason Christopher said he enjoys playing his own stuff on the piano. "I plan on playing at the next Coffee House."

Mass Communication major Mike Lesanto performed at his first ever Coffee House. "I was too focused on getting through it to notice the crowd," he said.

Freshman Erica May sang acapella "So Loud," a song she

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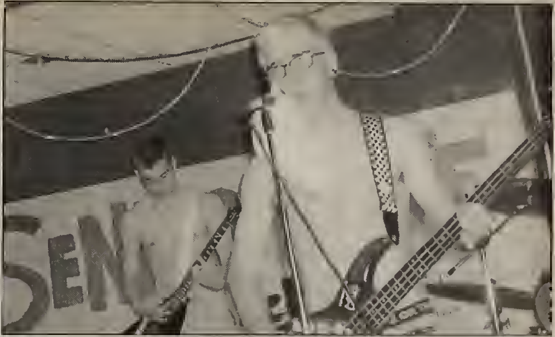

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

***Shirts off in Advance* guitarist Joe Skahan performed at the first coffeehouse of the semester last week.**

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Voice of the Week
Rev. Ruth Brandon's least favorite thing about WSC is beer cans left under trees in her backyard.

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The Cut and *Life (according to me.)* return for another semester of social commentary.

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Question of the Week?

"How do you feel about reality television?"
"Survivor was enough."
-WSC Student

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A & E

RD Jon Berman joins *Clarias* and performs in the Campus Center. Turn to A & E for the review.

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$10,000 donation to Loft Project spent on equipment

■ Loft

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article in The Campus Voice. At the beginning of the fall semester 2000, President Woodward gave $10,000 to the Loft Project, which has been used to purchase the lighting and sound equipment, Johnson said.

"We met with Media Services and the Theatre Department to discuss what would be needed for this project," Johnson said. The answer was equipment that could be used for entertainment purposes, he said. Johnson also said that Residential Life has donated furniture, from the Residential Halls that have been renovated, to be placed in the Third World Room for the Loft Project.

The lighting and sound equipment is portable, so it can be moved if an organization wants to use it for an event in another location, Johnson said. Since the equipment is portable, it means that the Loft Project is in a semi-permanent location now, but there is discussion about finding a permanent space for it, he said.

The Loft Project will have funding available from many organizations to be used towards paying for entertainment and other expenses, Johnson said. "At least eight different groups are contributing funds to make not only the Loft Project work, but other programs as well," he said. Johnson said that some of these groups contributing money include the Weekend Programming Committee, the Campus Center, Student Government Association, Residential Life, and the Counseling Center.

While the Loft Project will be open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night, there will only be enough funds to provide paid for entertainment to the students one night per weekend, Johnson said. He said he would like to have other activities and events there the other nights, such as card nights and talent nights.

A lot of the programming that will go on at the Loft Project is hoped to be student run also, said Shalimar Colon, Student Trustee. Colon said that students can organize events there, such as the Senior Daze events, and that students can also make suggestions as to what events they would like to see happen there. "We're going to try to get different informational meetings for students to attend and make suggestions on activities they would like to happen" she said. "Right now it's a work in progress. It will be modified to fit students' requests though."

Students involved in the project and those who are new to it have said it is a good idea, although some think that the original plan has been changed significantly.

Junior Meg Canning, who is part of the group that has been working on the project, said that the Loft Project would be good for students at WSC. "The Loft Project will have a positive impact on the students and will give them something to do," she said.

Jessica McCready, also a junior, agreed with Canning. Although she didn't know what the Loft Project was, she said that it sounded like a good project when finding out the plans. "I think it would be a really good thing for students," she said. "There's not much to do on campus, so any new ideas about activities are good."

Maggie Smith, Vice President of Programming, feels that the Loft Project has the potential to be great for the students, but it isn't quite what was originally planned. She said that while the lights are a great asset to the campus, originally they had hoped to use the money for a place and performers. "What I'm seeing now isn't what we originally planned," Smith said. "Our original plan was to have programs every weekend in the late hours with a governing committee and to have students give ideas as to what they would like."

Smith said that she is optimistic about the project, though. "I hope eventually the project will be successful and students will take the initiative to create a place to hang out on campus," she said.

Johnson said that the Loft Project is designed to give students a place to go late at night, but there is a need for a consistent turnout to make it a success. "There needs to be food, entertainment students want to see, and activities they want to participate in to get a good turnout," he said. Johnson and Colon both said that they would work with students to achieve this.

Celestial Drum closes coffeehouse

■ Coffeehouse

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wrote 2 days earlier. "I've been singing since I was 5 and I hope to keep doing this," she said.

Nathan Sigman, Sophomore Brian Gorman and Music major Melissa Martiros started their band 3 days ago. Sigman and Gorman wrote the songs on Monday and showed them to Martiros the afternoon of the Coffee House, they said.

Gorman said he was very impressed by the new lights. "I had this yellow light coming down on me. I felt special."

DJ Blake Logan said he started spinning 5 weeks ago. "I taught myself by watching DJ Jazzy Jeff and DJ Q-Bert videos," he said, dressed in his silver sparkling shirt.

Regional Planning major Jon Morgan performed "Babylon" with Senior Amanda Jenkins. Morgan played guitar and sang several songs solo.

Wayne Hsiao and Kenny McElroy were next to perform. "The variety of talent is getting better. Acts from last semester are getting bigger," Hsiao said.

Celestial Drum jammed until the last minute possible, packing their drums up at midnight. 9 students played on their drums and chairs, using crowd participation to motivate the crowd.

The Campus Activity Board surveyed students of their choices of cover bands for Spring Weekend. Choices included Shaggy, Reel Big Fish, Run DMC, Ja Rule and G-Love.

"Coffee houses are a great opportunity to publicize other events on campus, such as Spring Weekend surveys. We hope to collect 200 surveys during the Coffee House alone," Vice-President of Programming, Maggie Smith, said.

Registration options exist at other colleges

■ Registration

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"Students have felt that the phone system has been a big improvement," said Laurie Best, Assistant Registrar at UConn.

Bridgewater State College, a college similar to WSC in most aspects, goes about this procedure in a different way with their web registration process. Registration for seniors starts at 5 a.m. on the first day of registration, and continues each day that follows from 12:01 a.m. until 8 p.m.. Even weekends are open for registration online with slightly different hours.

Almost 80% of the BSC population uses web registration, and they love it, said Janet L. Taylor, Staff Assistant at the BSC Registrar's Office.

Still, there are some colleges in the region that WSC still compares with. Springfield College, a private school in Springfield, MA, has a registration system similar to the current one at WSC.

The students there line up according to class and alphabetically by last name. They wait in line and register for classes by talking to a staff member who uses a computer to register them.

Although the system works, many students, just like at WSC, get frustrated with the classes they end up with.

"It's not much fun to be a freshmen around registration time," said Mark Farrell, a student at Springfield College.

Some students at WSC agree that being a freshman in the registration line is not always an agreeable experience.

"It sucks when you're a freshmen, but by the time you're a senior...hey, it's great," Senior Laurie Dimente said.

However, senior Matt Bohonowicz said that registration at WSC is not only frustrating for the freshman.

"I've never once walked out of registration with a full course load, or everything I wanted...not once," he said. "I know other people at other schools that register online, and actually get the courses they request."

Some people wonder when WSC will catch up with some of the other schools in the area with their technological advances. Although there seems to be no specific time set for these advances, the WSC home page tries to explain.

From the Editor's Desk

"Any college campus should rely heavily on its library to serve the needs of its students, faculty, and staff. In order for this to be possible, the library must be OPEN," reads a 1998 report by a library ad-hoc committee comprised of Westfield State student leaders. The report, generated by such admirable student leaders as Nicole Sisson, Jonah Berger, and Melissa Cross, who have since graduated, focuses on concerns with library policies, specifically, library hours.

"My hope is that much needed discussion will result from this," writes Sisson, former President to the Student Government Association in a memo to President Woodward, Vice President of Academic Affairs William Lopes, Dean of Undergraduate Studies Robert Martin, and the still-current Director of the Library, Hal Gibson. I was a freshman when the thirteen committee members, and many other student leaders, worked countless hours on this report, and it's a shame that the administration once again played their strongest card: They stall until the rebelling students graduate and then sweep the issue under the rug. In effect, Sisson's wish that "much needed discussion" will be the result of much hard work and dedication of student leaders was forfeited the moment she received her diploma.

The report found that 61 percent of 186 students surveyed said later hours at the library would coincide with their academic needs. The library has closed at 11 p.m. on weekday nights since before this report was made. "It is the committees hope," states the report, "that our (library's) hours be extended from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday." The report made it clear that the committee would not accept any bargain that included the library closing any earlier than midnight Monday through Thursday.

Currently, the libraries at Framingham State, Bridgewater State, Salem State and Fitchburg all close at midnight on Monday through Thursday. In addition, Framingham, Bridgewater, and Fitchburg libraries are all open until midnight on Sundays. Locally, American International College, Springfield College, and UMass Amherst libraries are all open until midnight Sunday through Thursday.

The 1998 ad-hoc committee cited these examples and suggested that Westfield State's library should extend its hours and "keep them intact for at least a whole semester, let students get back into the habit of using the library at those hours, and watch its usage increase." Random days of extended hours will not increase the late night use of the library. Students will use the extended hours after it sets in to their routines that the library is, in fact, open when they need it to be.

One argument, the report suggests, against extending the Westfield State library's hours is that the library is not utilized enough or properly on this campus to validate a request for an extension to the hours. It has even been suggested by some that the library should be a place of reference only and not utilized as a study area; dorm rooms, they say, are a more appropriate place for students to study. But as the 1998 report clearly states, a majority of students believe later hours would coincide with their academic needs. "It is our belief," wrote the SGA committee, "that no student should be complaining, on any campus, especially ours, that they need the library and it is closed. We have seen this too often."

A college library should be a sanctuary for students to learn and study. It should make no difference whether that college is Harvard or Westfield State. All college libraries should be open until at least midnight to adhere to student's study habits. Colleges, sadly enough, are more businesses nowadays, and there is adequate funding to keep the library open an hour later five days a week whether the administration admits it or not. A great deal of money has been spent on acquiring Stanhome and on the renovations to the Scanlon Banquet Hall, which prove that if college administrators want something bad enough, they find the funding. President Woodward (fwoodward@wisdom.wsc.ma.edu), VP Lopes (wlopes@wisdom.wsc.ma.edu), Dean Martin (rmartin@wisdom.wsc.ma.edu), and Library Director Hal Gibson (hgibson@wisdom.wsc.ma.edu) should stop thinking in terms of revenue lost due to keeping the library open for a smaller percentages of students than they would like to see to consider it a valuable proposal. (Feel free to e-mail your thoughts on this topic to these gentlemen.) The function of a college library should be to cater to all students' academic needs and therefore should be open until at least midnight on Sunday through Thursday nights.

-RJ Burgess III

Student confronts the past

By Meg Canning
Voice Reporter

-File Photo

WSC Student Meg Canning visits concentration camp.

DACHAU, GERMANY–I could feel thousands of ghostly hollow eyes staring at me - although no one was around - as if I was the one to blame. A feeling of despair overwhelmed my body as I walked onto the site. My stomach ached and I felt like I was going to throw up.

"Dachau is the place of crime to humanity, all over the world it stands for persecution, torture, terror and murder," and only "reluctantly one sets a foot on those grounds, where the stones and every inch of the earth tell the terrible events that have taken place here," one survivor said.

I visited Dachau because I have always been interested in history, particularly WWII and the Holocaust. I walked into the entrance of the Memorial wanting to be emotionally moved. The Memorial surpassed my expectations. It changed my outlook oo life and human nature. It changed me.

The first thing you will notice is that it's surrounded by barbed wire, ditches, walls and seven watchtowers. Each watchtower was occupied 24 hours a day by two guards equipped with machine guns, ready to shoot any prisoner that went out of his or her grounds.

Goosebumps covered my body and I had to hold my stomach while I looked at pictures of the prisoners' terrified faces and masses of lifeless bodies thrown into piles. A large black and white picture showed a dead prisoner laying face first in the dirt with two others hanging by their arms to a tree. The SS soldier stood over death and appeared satisfied.

A glass box with different badges the prisoners wore was also on display. When I took a closer look I learned the badges had various meanings. Criminals wore a green triangle, political prisoners a red triangle, homosexuals a pink and the anti-socials a black symbol. All the pictures in the gallery depicted sad, trapped human beings. You can see that they were treated like animals. He or she was only a number to the officials, not a person.

Visitors can see this treatment first hand in the documentary offered daily in the English and German language. Since I had a limited amount of time at the camp, I watched the earlier documentary in German. Even though I didn't understand a word of it, I left the small auditorium in tears. The documentary includes many graphic, heartfelt pictures and film. You can see how time wore the prisoners down.

There are clips of Hitler's powerful speeches where you don't need to know German to understand his influence. Hitler was an amazing public speaker. In the final parts of the documentary, the audience views the wagons being driven away, overflowing with human bones and bodies.

The most influential section of the camp, in my opinion, was the area with the cremation ovens. My friend that I visited the camp with, Paula Koepher, said my face went white when we saw the sign that pointed in the direction of the ovens. As we walked into the building, I tried to smell the burning bodies. It must've been such a fowl smell. I peeked into the oven and saw the slender wooden platform the bodies were placed on.

"The prisoners had to build the other, bigger building after this one got overloaded. Isn't that ironic? They had to build the oven that would cremate their friends, family and inevitably their own bodies," Koepher said.

The SS soldiers used many tactics to wear the prisoners down both physically and mentally. They were forced to make their bed perfectly and keep their locker extremely tidy in addition to being forced to work and not eat. Another punishment was roll call every morning and evening. Prisoners had to stand up for hours after work, withstanding the weather and fatigue. If a prisoner escaped, all the inmates had to attend an additional punishment roll call for an entire night and half a day.

I noticed the crunching of stone under my sneakers and visualized the sound of the inmates marching across the open courtyard. Was this what they heard as they walked their way to death? Or did they even know when they were going to die? Life in Dachau was such a struggle, prisoners probably got tired of worrying about when they were going to die.

Every morning they could've thought that day was the day they weren't going to make it to bed that night. They lost hope. Can you imagine living like that?

A visit to Dachau Concentration Camp can turn your life around. It teaches about history, the value of human life, destruction and most of all, tolerance for others. I recommend that people of all ages and cultures visit Dachau and learn from their experiences.

You have to visit, walk across the camp and see everything I've talked about for yourself. As you look up to at the western side of a monument you'll read the words "never again" and now you'll truly know why.

Risk of candles "too great"

■ Fire

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dormitories all over the country," said Scannell.

Many students don't even think twice about the on- campus living policies, but the 'it will never happen to me' attitude may not be the right one to have said Jon Conlogue, Director of Residential Life.

"We know lots of people have candles in the residence halls;" said Conlogue. "This just demonstrates what we have been saying- something you'd never expect can cause a fire and spread quickly."

Residents immediately had to evacuate the building and waited almost two hours before entering back into their rooms.

"I walked into a hall full of smoke," said Andrea Sempos, a student living three doors down from where the fire started. "Everyone started running out of the building."

"I was annoyed because I had to wait outside for so long," said Pat Bennett, resident of Scanlon Hall. "Candles are an unnecessary danger- they shouldn't be in dorm rooms anyway."

It was a group effort putting out the fire, Conlogue said. The two girls with the help of ISO Russo put out the flames with water and by smothering the fire with pillows.

"It was pretty scary," said Michelle Dwyer, neighbor in Scanlon Hall who helped put out the fire. "I couldn't even believe it was a real fire."

If a student decides not to get rid of things that may be hazardous, then they at least need to be aware and careful of something that may be a risk to themselves and others around them.

"Fires can be fatal," Conlogue said. "Student's need to take it seriously and get rid of their candles, the risk is too great."

The fire in Scanlon Hall caused minor damages to the room aside from a few burn marks on materials in the room.

Scannell said they need to try and enforce the rule that candles are not permitted in dorm rooms.

Judicial Affairs will be deciding how to handle the situation.

Voice of The Week

Rev. Ruth Brandon

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Less than royal welcome awaits Eminem in Britain

By Marjorie Miller
Los Angeles Times

LONDON - Eminem is nothing if not rude, and Britain, of course, is the motherland of good manners, so it was probably never going to be an easy relationship.

The 26-year-old white rapper's previous British tours raised a few eyebrows, but in the wake of his phenomenal success - a 10-million-selling album, ``The Marshall Mathers LP," and four Grammy nominations - the prospect of his three-day blitz this week is making Britons stand up and take notice.

The city council in Manchester, where he is scheduled to appear Thursday, announced that the recording artist will be permitted to have a chain saw on stage, as he is wont to do, but that health and safety regulations require that it be switched off.

A polite warning if ever there was one.

The Sheffield University student union, on the other hand, has taken a harder line. The students in northeast England have banned the rapper's anti-women, anti-gay lyrics from its radio station, reviews of his music from its newspaper and Eminem T-shirts from its discos.

``Our aim is to create a culture of tolerance, equality and respect for our members," a union representative said last week. ``We have an anti-homophobic policy, and we are working toward that."

Unfortunately, the culture of tolerance is putting the radio station between rap and a hard place: A disc jockey there says that if staffers defy the ban and play the music, the student union may cut its funding, but if they do not play the music, radio authorities may take away their license for failure to be impartial in their choice of music.

The Sheffield ban was condemned by both conservative and liberal newspapers, with the Daily Telegraph calling it a ``wonderful example of the loony left wing" and the Independent saying it ``continued the tradition of student illiberalism."

``Take him or leave him, but do not get wound up by him: the more he shocks, the more he sells," the Independent said in an editorial Saturday.

``His lyrics are loaded with fantasies of murder and violence. ... This is pretty unpalatable stuff," said the Guardian. ``But the union's stand is futile. ... Given that his unique selling point is his notoriety, the union has simply given acres of free promotions to the press ahead of his arrival."

The media attention has not made the angry, anti-gay ``misogynist," as even his wife has called him, more popular with gay activists. Although Elton John, one of Britain's leading gay artists, has said Eminem is a genius, British gay groups promise to ``welcome" the rap singer at Heathrow Airport in much the same way the U.S. Rally Against Hate proposes to greet him at the Grammy Awards on Feb. 21 - with protests.

Nor does the raunchy publicity - complete with photographs of Eminem flashing his middle finger at the world - seem to be winning over young British women.

``Personally, I think his music's terrible, like a kid being rebellious," said Abi Harding, 20, a student at University College London. ``But any student union banning an Eminem song is quite pedantic. It's over the top. We're all adults, and we can all decide what we take on or don't take on."

Guardian columnist Gary Younge, on the other hand, is not amused.

One of Britain's two black columnists, Younge notes that Eminem never uses the ``n-word," apparently to avoid offending blacks, who after all invented rap music.

``The trouble is not that Eminem is amoral, ignorant or naive. It is that his morality, intelligence and savvy rarely extend to the dignity of women and gay people, many of whom, incidentally, are black," Younge wrote.

For Younge, the problem with Sheffield's ban is that it is selective.

``If misogyny is grounds for banning music, then why start with Eminem? How about Tom Jones' `Delilah,' about a man who stabs his former lover in cold blood. ... Or the Rolling Stones' `Brown Sugar,' which sings gleefully about a black slave woman being beaten and raped by her owner," he wrote.

``So long as men have had tongues in their heads, some of them have used their voices to damn women and often have been paid handsomely for it. So banal is their bigotry that we can sing along for years to these songs without noticing," Younge added. ``It is the way in which we have allowed bigotry to seep into so much popular music that is the problem; Eminem is just one more symptom."

German film details bleak life in East

By Peter Finn
Washington Post

BERLIN - In the opening scenes of Hannes Stoehr's new movie, ``Berlin is in Germany," Martin Schulz is released from prison after an 11-year stretch for a questionable 1989 murder conviction under the old communist regime. The 36-year-old character, played by Joerg Schuettauf, is portrayed as the ``last Easterner," and in the year 2000 he stumbles into a transformed and united Germany.

Schulz enters central Berlin by train, one of the best ways to see the massive construction projects that are remaking the once-divided city. Bewildered-looking, Schulz stares out the window at the maze of steel and concrete. And then he disembarks, jumping into the bruising world of the new capital where his ``Ossi" ways predetermine his misadventures.

``He's the only one who can see Berlin with objective, innocent eyes," said Stoehr after a final private screening before the film opens in the Berlin Film Festival this month.

``The Wall fell. But what happened then?"

That question is animating a wave of new German films by young directors, often from western Germany, some of whose work will be showcased in the prestigious film festival.

And the cinematic answer, in the bleak tradition of German realism, is often dispiriting. Brutalized by the loss of its dreams, the East of recent movies has bunkered down in a desolate post-communist landscape that seethes with resentment. This East, seen from the West, is still a foreign country.

``These directors are finding their way through a new society," said Dieter Wiedemann, a professor at the University for Film and Television in Potsdam-Babelsberg, just outside Berlin. ``What is the relationship between the ideals of unification and the reality of life in the new states? It's a debate with the present."

In ``alaska.de," a new film by Esther Gronenborn, the lives of bored, aimless teen-agers are doomed by a sudden act of violence. ``I wanted to express a sense of being lost," said Gronenborn. ``The story could have taken place in Munich, but the effects of unemployment are much more radical in the East where the system has broken down."

The setting for ``alaska.de" is Hohenschoenhausen, a sprawl of concrete-slab high-rises in East Berlin, which Gronenborn shot in wide-angle CinemaScope to capture vistas of unforgiving sterility; in Hollywood parlance, it's John Ford meets Joseph Stalin.

``A film like this one, dealing with the loneliness of a whole generation lost in the labyrinth of the present, is long overdue," wrote the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung in one of a number of very positive reviews that greeted the movie. ``Gronenborn's film is set at the coldest point of eastern Germany where a deadly frost lies over the soul."

Nor is there any relief in dramas set in small-town eastern Germany. In ``The Policewoman," a rookie cop is confronted with life in a drab burg. ``Concrete blocks, high-rise flats, gray voids of streets and monstrous shopping centers," offers the film's publicity material. ``The atmosphere in this problem district of Rostock is gloomy even when the sun is shining."

In ``Paths in the Night," a former Communist Party member loses his job as a factory manager and turns into a vigilante to redress what he sees as the anarchy of the new society. He ends up killing himself.

And in ``Forget America," where three young people dream of escape, the fictional town is called Aschleben, or Ashlife. The town's soulless vacuum traps and crushes the hopes of its young.

``At the moment, (the East) is the place where most things happen in Germany - or don't happen," said Vanessa Jopp, director of ``Forget America." ``During a trip through the new states I came across a completely new landscape and a new feeling from Germany."

Jopp, Gronenborn and Stoehr never lived in the eastern part of the country, and they all said they were drawn by the sense that the East is the new frontier in German storytelling.

``The East is ... our Wild West," said Gronenborn. But it is a place shorn of romance or optimism or comic relief. Entertainment is a suspect goal in German cinema, which values a kind of beautiful austerity.

``We have a difficult relationship with humor," said Wiedemann.

News Briefs

Stopping Light

Two teams of physicists have for the first time found a way to slow light to a complete stop.

Ronald L. Walsworth of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and colleagues, and Lene Vetergaard Hau of the Harvard/Rowland Institute of Science and colleagues, achieved the feat by sending pulses of light into specially prepared, super-cold gas vapors of sodium and rubidium. The techniques succeeded in slowing the light pulses, which normally travel at 186,000 miles per second, to a dead stop. The researchers released the light to continue on its way.

The work, being published in the Jan. 25 issue of Nature and the Jan. 29 issue of the journal Physical Review Letters, could help researchers develop new ways to use light for faster, more efficient types of computers and communications systems, the researchers said.

``Hau and her colleagues suggest that their newly demonstrated ability to control the flow of optical information may have technological relevance to quantum computing," wrote Eric A. Cornell of the University of Colorado in Boulder in an article accompanying the Nature report. ``Whether this will turn out to be true is not clear."

How we see ourselves

Only humans, monkeys and other higher apes can recognize their own faces. Now, scientists think they've identified the part of the brain that enables us to do that.

Julian Paul Keenan of Harvard Medical School in Boston and colleagues studied five patients who were having each hemisphere of their brains anesthesized to try to determine what was causing their epileptic seizures.

During the procedure, the researchers showed the subjects photographs of themselves that had been ``morphed" to blend their faces with that of a famous person - Bill Clinton, Albert Einstein, Marilyn Monroe or Princess Diana. Afterward, the researchers showed them photos of themselves and of the famous person with whom their face had been morphed, and asked them to identify which one they had been shown before.

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The Cut

CHRIS WARD

Wazup Westfield. I'm in the air now, flying from North Carolina back to Massachusetts, and it's time for another installment of Airline Observations. First off, I'm suspended thirty-thousand feet in the air (exactly why DO they feel they need to tell me that? Obviously we're way the hell up there) with my life completely in the hands of strangers. I'm supposed to feel safe, though. "Relax, most of these airline pilots were in the military." HELLO- I was in the military and I know better. Anyone else remember 'Tailhook?' The Navy was a non-stop drunken feast of depravity unlike anything you'll ever…wait, you're in college. Makes me wonder why they actually keep the cockpit door locked… Next, I take issue with the fact that I have to wear my seatbelt even in flight (I just got an "Excuse me, sir…"). With the airplane in uncontrolled descent from thirty thousand feet, I figure I've got at least a few minutes to put my seatbelt back on. I mean, not only that but it would also give the passengers something useful to think about doing instead of fruitlessly appealing to various deitys and projectile vomiting. It's not as though the ground is going to take anybody COMPLETELY by surprise either. After spiraling end over end straight down for fifteen minutes, the concept is likely to occur to even the dimmest (and drunkest) among us.

On that subject, how does the FAA separate my remains from the woman seated beside me (Whom I hope isn't reading this over my shoulder)? Do they use DNA to distinguish where one passenger ends and another begins or do they just scoop up about the right amount, shovel it into a bag, and call it all good? Does an airplane bounce? These are the questions that tear through the mind of ADHD Boy.

It's worth it all, though, to get my greedy little paws on the infamous Bag O' Peanuts (low sodium). Low sodium? How much sodium am I likely to get from four peanuts? The lady beside me is eyeing my bag. Ever wanted a front row seat to air rage, sister? Go for the peanuts. You know you want to…

In the event of cabin depressurization, they recommend that my own air mask is properly donned before assisting others. My inner "self preservation" voice would agree, but right now it's too busy laughing.

The hottie stewardess was just admiring my screensaver. Wow, good thing I didn't go with the JPEG I grabbed off the Barnyard Love webpage. That would probably end the steady stream of miniature Absolut bottles right away…

Alright, I'm back in Massachusetts again, fast forward about four days. The journey ended with no further incident. Any flight that doesn't end with a federal agent waiting for me in the terminal is a good one, after all.

I'm watching the ad for the movie "Sugar and Spice" and I'm thinking "About time the issue of cheerleader crime sprees was tackled." I'm really getting excited about the whole thing and then my world comes crashing down…PG-13. You know what that means…

This is the "politics" paragraph. First, of course, is George W. Bush. Hey liberals…Nyaa Nyaa. Secondly: Go Ashcroft Go! I couldn't help but notice that Ted Kennedy omitted questions about drunk driving enforcement policy from his grilling of Ashcroft… Also, I doubt very seriously that the disclosure of a child, the product of an extra-marital affair, will damage the credibility of the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Indeed, it should simply serve to underscore its absense.

Personally, I feel for the guy, he's been out of his depth since he lied about being the one to cradle the dying Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in his arms thirty two years ago (it was actually a man named Ralph Abernathy, as told by eyewitness Hosea Williams). High-profile mediocrity catches up with everyone sooner or later, Jesse. On the subject of Ashcroft AND Jackson… Why are liberal Christians in politics revered (Jackson, Sharpton, et. Al.) and conservative Christians in politics unconstitutional? Just asking. So Joe Lieberman plans to give MTV a call about the show "Jackass" which "caused" that kid to burn himself. Well, the phone numbers ought to be handy enough… the company that owns MTV, Viacom, is #12 on the list of Gore/Lieberman campaign donors (to the tune of a half million dollars) and the co-producer of Jackass is Spike Jonze (Being John Malkovich), who was flown to Nashville by Al Gore to hang with his family and produce that short movie about them all for the campaign.

This is the ADHD paragraph: I've just come from the mall with a tip on stretch pants. Just because they happen to come in your size, honey, doesn't mean they were meant for you. Also, why do people insist that red traffic lights grant temporary invisibility? I see your nose, I see your finger, and I can see that determined look on your face. "Gonna getcha, gonna getcha…" Vodka, Bailey's and Yoo Hoo, give it a try but not in Dickinson Hall, by god. Creed- the pretension has peaked and so has the career. Limp Bizkit- also about played out. How far did Fred think he'd get hijacking Rage's gig, man? Carson Daly…older than me, paints his nails, hangs with N' Sync, but he's hip? Must be, check the primo tail he pulls…Razor Scooters out, inline skateboards next? New for 2001: MTV2… boldly pioneering the new concept called "music videos"…things really do come full circle. Tip for lonely guys with cars: cruise Western Ave. to 333 offering rides to girls doing your best "non-creepy guy" impression…you're bound to catch digits eventually. WARNING: won't work with tinted windows or any model full-sized van. Big up to the hotties downstairs in DIC A-3… hey, if you had a column you would, too.

Finally, Building 333. Since the beginning of the year I've received input from staff as well as students about the Student Services transition. The gist of these reports have made their way into these pages, because firsthand accounts carry undeniable weight. Just before the break, though, I had a problem with my VA benefits and so here is my own experience with 333… What I saw was the seamless operation of various offices within Student Services, as well as the Campus VA office, working to first deal with my side of things fairly and then compare that with regulations from Boston. The matter was resolved even-handedly and was even expedited largely so that I could go do my kidney deal without the added pressure of possibly owing thousands. I submit that whatever operational difficulties may have existed last September have by and large been resolved, and that Michele Mattie is hotter than I had pictured her.

Alright, anyway, welcome back, yada yada yada. Keep those Emails coming and give me the dirt, people. See you around campus, I'll be the one NOT wearing a trendy new turtleneck sweater…Peace and Balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Well folks, it would seem that the apocalypse is upon us. Yep, the end can't be far off now. All the signs are falling into place. The collapse of an empire (that would be us), the rise of the anti-Christ (Dick Cheney?), and, most telling of all. . the emergence of a television show called Temptation Island.

When I first saw the commercial for this piece of work, I kind of assumed that it would be some sort of spoof. I kept waiting for the Energizer bunny to parade across the screen. Surely we haven't sunk this far? TV has been getting pretty bad in recent years, but have we really gotten to the point that we can only be entertained by other people's misery and anguish? Do we really find the idea of couples being torn apart on national television appealing? Well, I got my answer a few days ago, when I witnessed hordes of people streaming into the Davis Hall Commons Room to watch it. Sadly, our culture has degenerated to the point where we embrace decadence.

I suppose I shouldn't be surprised, though. This is, after all, the society that has produced such gems as Who Wants To Marry A Millionaire?, Faces of Death, and Professional Wrestling. What an idea that was, huh? "What we'll do, see, is cram these huge, steroid-bloated guys with mullets into little tights, and have them beat each other with trash cans and cheese graters, all the while PRETENDING to fight!" I'll admit, back in the day, I was as guilty as anyone. I was a Hulkamaniac. I was a Little Warrior. I would even give Stone Cold a "Hell Yeah" from time to time. However, once it became a regular occurrence to see wrestlers chasing each other backstage with monster trucks, it lost a considerable amount of appeal.

Unfortunately, things are only going to get worse. With that in mind, I've come up with a few programming ideas that the networks could make a fortune off of. Like a show where they take a bunch of recovering drug addicts and alcoholics, and put them in a room full of crack and whiskey. They can call it Happy Hour. It would be huge, I tell ya. Good ol' family programming. "Hurry up, kids! The pitiful wretch show is about to begin! Bring the popcorn!" Or how about a show called Bad News, where camera crews show up at a house, and tell the unsuspecting parents inside that their son or daughter was just killed in a horrific car wreck? Wouldn't that be fun?!

Well, is Temptation Island any different? Here is a show that glorifies cheating on a loved one. A show thats basic premise is that overt sexuality is in fact more important than the commitment to your partner. A show that rewards people with a trip, just because they remain loyal in the face of flirtatious prostitutes (if you think about it, that's pretty much what they are).

One defense for the show I have heard time and again is that all the couples had come to a "crossroad" of sorts. They didn't know if their relationship would survive or not, and they felt that the show would be a good test. The moral here, I guess, is that any time you start to question your commitment to a person, it's ok to go out and cheat on them. Then at the first sign of discontent, you can bail on the whole deal. That working through the troubled times together is out dated. And people wonder why divorce rates are so high.

What I can't decide, however, is whether it's worse to be a contestant on the show, one of the "singles", or to sit at home and watch it. I question the wisdom of the couples that signed up for the show. Who wants to have their personal lives broadcast on national television (of course, I've been asking myself this one since Real World first aired)? I suppose it's just as well that the couples are broken apart, for it would seem that none of them have any idea what a relationship is really about. As for the singles, you really have to wonder if they have any sense of honor whatsoever. To go on the show knowing that your primary purpose is to tear apart a relationship, whether the bond is strong or not, says a great deal about their personalities. I can't see anyone with any sort of self-respect volunteering for such a job. And then there are the rest of us. The ones that sit at home each week, reveling in the pain and heartache, embracing the infidelity and selfishness.

At this point, I'm hoping that the show will be a short-lived phenomenon. That after a few more episodes, the whole premise will seem silly and old. This is my hope, and I'm assuming it won't come to be. Oh well. Maybe I've just become an old man at 22, clinging blindly to a time when some things were still held sacred. Whatever the case may be, all this thinking about morality and such has worn me out. So, I'm going to end this little rant here. And besides, my favorite show, Jerry Springer, is about to start.

Y'know, something with a little class.

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A Day in the Life

ANGELA LAPIERRE

Hi! This is the first work of mine that will be read by more people than my English professor or my mom, so I'm extremely nervous. The whole thing is still a little mind boggling to me since the only writing experience I have is on research papers. Nobody wants to read them and I sure as h-e-double hockey sticks don't want to write them. Now I can write about things that truly matter to me and have people want to read about it, instead of having it graded and handed back to me with little red marks all over it.

During my middle school and early high school years, my friends and I used to gossip about the hottest guys and drool over the latest issue of the most trendy teen magazine during study hall. Whether it be YM, Seventeen, or Teen, all of us would gather around, read every word, and follow the magazine as gospel. From articles like "Mega Makeovers: Go From So-So to Super Sexy" to "10 Ways to Become More Popular," we'd try to follow every tip, praying for Johnny All-Star and the "It" crowd to notice us. (This would probably explain the bad perm I sported in 6th and 7th grade and the 10 pounds of make-up I wore). Eventually my friends and I grew out of the "must impress" mentality and grew up.

Now I'm 19 years old and considered an adult. What is out there for an adult female such as myself to read? I figure that there are 2 main categories of magazines targeted at women: domestic magazines such as Woman's Day and Family Circle, and beauty magazines such as Cosmopolitan and Glamour. Domestic magazines are of no interest to me considering I can barely do my own laundry (gotta love bleach stains on your new shirt!) and the only food I eat is either cooked by a lunch lady or my dad. (The highlight of my culinary talents is Ramen noodles). As for beauty magazines? Don't get me started!

All right, I'll admit off the bat that I enjoy reading Cosmo or Glamour. Why? Because they are always good for a few laughs. Think about it. Don't titles like "Delicious Details–Men On Their Biggest Turn-On Secrets" and "How To Misbehave To Make Horizontal Even Hotter" (Yes, these are titles from actual articles taken from February's issue of Glamour) make you want to chuckle?

But I, unlike my former teenybopper self, do not follow everything that these magazines have to say. Then again, how could I? Some of the things that these magazines suggest you do are absolutely ridiculous. (And very entertaining). First of all, I'm not going to attempt to copy the silly hairstyles and make-up styles they offer. I can barely get out of bed to make it to my 8:30 class. So don't expect me to wake up at the crack of dawn in order to spend hours in the bathroom just so I can look like a clown in a sea of girls with ponytails and no make-up on their faces.

Secondly, I'm not going to run out to Gucci and buy their latest creation just because I saw it in the fashion pages of Vogue. I, much like your average college student, am broke. Even if I had $1000 to pay for a designer outfit, I still wouldn't wear it because I'd stick out like a sore thumb in a sea of girls who wear jeans and T-shirts on a daily basis. I'm lucky I can pick a clean shirt off the floor to wear. A Dolce and Gabbana ensemble would be too much for me to handle.

Personally, my concerns are music, movies, what I'm going to be doing this weekend, and how I'm going to make it through the semester without going insane from all the papers and tests I have to deal with. Where are the magazines targeted at women like me? Obviously not on the newsstand.

I hope you all enjoyed reading my first article as much as I enjoyed writing it. Stay tuned week for a look into the life of a self-proclaimed "nerd." Trust me, it's not who you think.

A. LaPierre is a Voice Columnist

Don't Call Me Baby

KATHERINE MANNING

Coincidentally, the inauguration of George W. Bush into office also fell on the dawn of the anniversary of the infamous "Roe vs. Wade." Why this matter is coincidental is not because they were both political dates. In fact, one is meant to combat the other and women must now be aware of this fact. However, I will refrain from revealing whether I am pro-life or pro-choice. As a matter of fact, I just weigh out the facts.

Abortion is not a new concept. Unfortunately folks, it has been around since the beginning of time, as far as we can tell, whether moral or immoral. However, more often than not, they were not done in professional ways and sometimes even claimed the life of the mother and the fetus. If women are taken away the right to a safe, clean abortion, they will indeed find other ways just as they always have.

Similarly, the right to an abortion that was granted through this act was also a political statement. Prior to the act, the fetus, an undeveloped baby, had rights before the mother. That is, if the mother and the baby would both have a chance to live, they would take the baby first. Once again, I am not in the least arguing one way or the other, but merely presenting the picture of how startling it was before the act.

For the most part so far, we can see that there are many consequences to having abortion be illegal. For the last thirty years, these advantages and disadvantages to the procedure have been carefully weighed by feminist and non-feminist scholars. It is clear, through these studies, that the outcome of illegal abortion is not something to look favorably upon simply for the reasons that I have mentioned.

Now that we have clarified some of the facts, I must touch upon the most opposing force on the matter, which some religious groups that go by the name of "Operation Baby," or as some feminists say, "Operation-Oppress You." This is something that even I myself am baffled over, since I myself believe fully in God. However, despite their believingly good intentions, these groups are not conducted in appropriate ways by any means. Abortion clinics all over the country are under malicious attack by these groups, often times using an extreme level of violence or shouting obscenities at the patient. Often times, the patients in the clinic are there because the clinics provide a low cost check up to those who are without insurance. In a study done on these attacks, one escort to an abortion clinic says, "I hardly find it Godly to terrorize a place. In actuality, it is surely blasphemy."

It doesn't make sense in any regard that a Godly group of people who oppose abortion would use physical means to attack a clinic that sometimes does not even contain abortions. On some occasions, the doctors of these places have been found murdered in their homes. Similarly, it does not make sense for this right to be taken away from women when it stands for all that the country was founded for and stood for.

Are these events still taking place today, you might be asking yourself? Indeed they are, and even more so than before. However, in addition to this, George Bush has also appointed Ashcroft to handle some of his affairs. Both of these men not only oppose a woman's right to choose but are "violently against it," so they say. This fact, in accordance with the others, certainly makes one ponder what is to become of women. Church and State are intended to be separate entities according to our constitution. However, it is clear to see that they are slowly starting to merge.

I have a professor who gave me permission to quote her in this article. She argues, "If a woman is taken away rights to control her own body, she has no rights at all." The next thing to go after abortion will be birth control, and the list goes on. Slowly and intendedly, women will lose their rights, not that they have been given, but they have earned. Are we going to put up with it? Is there something we can do? Well, I am afraid that I knew Bush's intentions before his election, and therefore did not vote for him. However, others did not. My suggestion would be to just write as many letters to your congressman as you can, and hold your breath until the next election. Or at least consider some of these facts before you vote next time.

"I am not a pear tree." -Susan B. Anthony

K. Manning is a Voice Columnist

Clarias visits Campus

BY JESSICA NORDEN
VOICE REPORTER

At 7 PM, on February 4, 2001, the Ely main lounge hosted the band Clarias. Clarias is a Boston based band who combine rock, pop, jazz, and ska to make some great music.

The members of Clarias are Michael Giordano-vocals, Damian Gates-bass & harmonica, Joc Iafrate-guitar, and Greg West-drums. Clarias also had a special guest performer with them Sunday night, Westfield State College's own Jon Berman on the tenor saxophone.

For their first song of the night, Clarias performed "For What It's Worth," a song with an incredibly upbeat and fast paced rhythm and terrific vocals. Jon Berman was excellent on the saxophone, obviously an extremely talented musician. Giordano's vocals were terrific and Gates' bass playing was very good.

"Back Too Soon" was their second song of the night, which had a smooth, mellow sound at the beginning and then became very fast paced towards the end. Giordano's vocals were excellent for this song as well, he and Iafrate were terrific on the guitars. Jon Berman was amazing on saxophone and collaborated quite well with drummer Greg West.

The band's next song "You Might Remember," was a mix of rock with a slight element of pop. Giordano's vocals were excellent and Gates was great on the harmonica.

Jon Berman was consistent throughout the night playing wonderful saxophone melodies and fills, like during "Of My Sense Of Mind." "She Smiles" happened to be my favorite song of the night, with Damian Gates singing excellent vocals.

Clarias is an excellent band and are finishing up their CD this month. I will definitely try to buy the CD when it comes out. Clarias is a great live hand and their music is very enjoyable to listen to if you like rock, pop, and even some ska. Giordano and the rest of Clarias had an excellent performance and if they come to WSC again, I encourage everyone to go and see them.

The Donnas Turn 21... Better Watch Out.

BY MARK HITE
VOICE COLUMNIST

Well guess who's back and has turned the big "21?" That's right kids...those four rockin' girls known as The Donnas! Sometimes coined as the female version of The Ramones, these gals started at the age of 17 writing songs that would make even the late Bon Scott of ACDC proud.

Now past the early song topics (saying screw you to school, kicking dudes in the jimmie), the band have moved on to new missions such as hanging out all night, drinking, and one night stands. On top of the bad-ass topics, the band serves up a whole lot of "no holds barred" rock n' roll on this disc.

The album starts off with a hella-fun track "Are You Gonna Move It For Me" which is directed at the loser crowd member or members of the concert. The attitude flows freely as Donna A. proudly asks the person who wrote a bad review for their show, "What are you doing standing in the front row?"

The bad attitude doesn't stop there however! "Play My Game" goes the sexual route, virtually insulting any little boy that steps up by promising them "ten more rounds" only to put them to shame. The attitudes don't just go towards the males, however. In the song "Hot Pants," the gals insult the little girls and heavy-set women. Of course none of them stand a chance, because no one wants to dance with those hot pant-wearing women when any of The Donnas are around!

"40 Boys In 40 Nights" and "You've Gotta Crush On Me" pretty much speak for themselves. The band actually dishes out some sensitivity on "Drivin' Through My Heart," which revolves around a sad breakup. However, the CD doesn't get sad much, by keeping an up beat rock feel through out. The gals even take time out to do a cover of Judas Priest's party classic "Living After Midnight."

Overall any fan of good old-fashioned feel-good rock should get into The Donnas' Turn 21. Fans of ACDC, Ramones, and Judas Priest will definately lap this up as ear candy and come back for more. So if you are into fun and witty lyrics mixed with some great pure rock check this one out. The Donnas are of age now...better watch out.

The Craving of Tamerlane

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and in Cancer's soft shell the soul
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that fester these unfilled desires
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surrendering to the queen of December
that conspires with these dark lengthy nights
to diminish hopes winter weary eyes.

Finding a way to victory
comes from a lost summer sun
that once shined upon Timir's ruthless dynasty
which ultimately came undone
for we all compete against deaths drumming thunder.

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-KDJ

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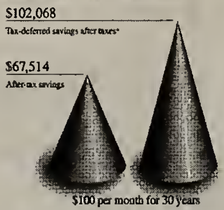

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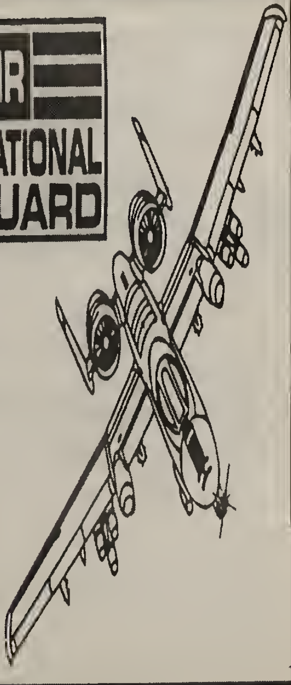

Westfield Places Second In Track Championships

GORHAM, Me. - The Westfield State College men's and women's indoor track and field teams both finished second in the New England Alliance championships Feb. 3.

The host school won both meets. Southern Maine scored 128 points in the 11-team men's meet, while the Owls finished with 111.5.

Winning individual titles for Westfield were freshman Matt LeMaire in the 55 high hurdles, who won in a photo finish with a time of 8.13; and sophomore Josh Lewbel in the long jump, with a fine effort of 21-8 1/4.

Second places were recorded by sophomore Ryan Fregeau in the 200 (23.05); senior Jason Pappas in the 800 (2:01.42); freshman Stanley Pau in the shot put (45-6 1/2), and the 4 x 400 relay team (3:35.49).

Placing third for the Owls were: junior Marco Iannello in the 600 (1:26.45), sophomore Chris Allie in the triple jump (41-3 1/4); sophomore Tom Gilbert in the 20-pound weight throw (45-5); and the 4 x 800 relay (8:26.25).

Fregeau (55 dash, triple jump) and Allie (400, long jump) each placed fourth in two events, as did sophomore Mike Neely (55 hurdles, high jump).

In the women's meet, Westfield tallied 108.5 points to finish a distant second to Southern Maine (162). Freshman standout Jess Silva of Reading led Westfield by placing first in the 400 (1:01.36); second in the 55 dash (7.9) and 200 (28.11); and third in the long jump (15-7 1/2). Silva also anchored the 4 x 200 and 4 x 400 relay teams that both placed second.

Also claiming an individual title was sophomore Megg Bethoney in the 55 hurdles (9.54). Placing second were Bethoney (600) and freshman Nikki Esten (400).

Third places were recorded by freshmen Aimee Worcester (800), Kristi Popoff (1,000), Erin Rourke (55 hurdles), Lis Collins (shot put), and the 4 x 800 relay.

"I was pleased with how well our teams performed," said coach Sean O'Brien. "We had a lot of people score in the men's meet, and our women did better that we had anticipated. Our teams ended up scoring as many points as they did when we won (Alliance titles) but we just didn't get any help this year from the other teams in the meet."

Indoor Track and Field Results

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Southern Maine 162; Westfield 108.5; Keene State 104.5; Rhode Island College 41; Mass Dertmtouh 33; Bridgewater 25; Fitchburg 25; Eastern Connecticut 20; Selem 19; Mass Boston 8; Worcester State 7.

WESTFIELD'S TOP FINISHERS

FIRST: Jess Silve, 400, 1:01.36; Megg Bethoney, 55 hurdles, 9.54.

SECOND: Jess Silve, 55 meters, 7.9; Jess Silva, 200, 28.11; Nikki Esten, 400; 1:03.60; Megg Bethoney, 600, 1:47.13; 4 x 200 relay, 1:55.06; 4 x 400 relay, 4:32.24.

THIRD: Aimee Worcester, 800; 2:30.55; Kristi Popoff, 1,000, 3:24.81; Erin Rourke, 55 hurdles, 9.78; 4 x 800 relay, 10:59.57; Jess Silva, long jump, 15-7 1/2; Lis Collins, shot put, 33-1.

FIFTH: Sterr Hockenberry, 600, 1:55.48; Lis Collins, weight throw, 35-10 3/4.

SIXTH: Erin Rourke, high jump, 4-6.

EIGHTH: Celle Geldert, 1500, 5:26.88; Sterr Hockenberry, 3000, 11:48.01.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Southern Maine 128; Westfield 111.5; Keene State 78; Rhode Island College 45; Mass Dartmouth 43; Salem 36; Bridgewater 27; Worcester 26.5; Eastern Connecticut 22; Fitchburg 5; Mass Boston 4.

WESTFIELD'S TOP FINISHERS

FIRST: Mett LeMaire, 55 hurdles, 8.13; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 21-8 1/4.

SECOND: Ryan Fregeau, 200, 23.05; Jeson Pappas, 800, 2:01.42; 4 x 400 relay, 3:35.49; Stenley Pau, shot put, 45-6 1/2.

THIRD: Merco Iennello, 600, 1:26.45; 4 x 800 relay, 8:26.25; Chris Allie, triple jump, 41-3 1/4; Tom Gilbert, weight throw, 45-5.

FOURTH: Ryan Fregeau, 55 meters, 6.79; Chris Allie, 400, 52.92; Mike Neely, 55 hurdles, 8.35; Mike Neely, high jump, 5-11 1/2; Chris Allie, long jump, 20-9; Ryan Fregeau, triple jump, 40-4 1/4.

FIFTH: David Eaton, 55 meters, 6.85; David Eaton, 200, 23.93; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-9 3/4; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 43-1 3/4; Mark Howerd, weight throw, 42-8.

SIXTH: David Cerabin, 55 meters, 7.08; Tom Bousquet, 1000, 2:42.14.

SEVENTH: Greg Aucoin, 200, 24.41; Josh Lewbel, high jump, 5-9 3/4.

EIGHTH: Stenley Peu, weight throw, 37-5.

Senior Jamie Vielmetti receives a hug from senior teammate Moniqua Chapdelaine for scoring her 1,000th career point in a home game vs. Framingham State. Vielmetti is the ninth women's basketball player in Westfield State history to reach the magic milestone. Waiting to present Vielmetti flowers is senior Michelle Chapdelaine.

Photos By Lou Ann Simchak

Salem Hoop Teams Edge Owls

Men's Basketball
Salem 68 - Westfield 59

WESTFIELD - Senior forward Ed Bourgogne (Dorchester) scored a game-high 20 points to lead Salem State to a hard-fought 68-59 victory over Westfield State.

Salem improved to 15-5 overall and 7-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield is 10-10 overall and 4-5 in league play.

The Vikings withstood a late comeback by the Owls. Trailing by 18 points, 59-41, with 7:19 remaining, Westfield went on a 14-1 run to close within five points, 60-55, with three minutes left. Salem, which did not make a field goal in the final 7:19, hit nine free throws down the stretch to survive the upset bid.

Eric McKoy (Dorchester) scored 14 in Salem's balanced attack and Mike Kmiec (Beverly) added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Westfield was led by Bryant James' 14 points and eight rebounds. Kurt Huggins was the only other player in double figures with 11 points.

Salem's tough interior defense keyed the victory, as it held the Owls to 34 percent shooting (23-for-68) from the field. Also, Westfield was only 9-for-23 from the foul line.

Women's Basketball
Salem 67 - Westfield 61

WESTFIELD - Sophomore guard Kara Smolinsky scored 20 points and senior guard Tracy McKeen tallied 17 to lead Salem State to a 67-61 victory over Westfield State.

Salem improved to 16-3 overall and 8-0 in the conference. Westfield is 13-7 and 5-4.

Trailing 57-53, the Vikings outscored Westfield 14-4 in the final five minutes of the game. Westfield jumped out to an early 21-12 lead but trailed at halftime, 30-28.

Sophomore center Be Nichols scored eight points grabbed a game-high 15 rebou for Salem.

Junior Michaela Blaney A.J. LaBelle led Westfield's anced attack with 12 points ap Senior Jamie Vielmetti had points, six assists and three st

Vielmetti Scores 1,000th Point

Senior standout Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield scored a game high 21 points, including her 1,000th career point, to lead Westfield State to a 68-59 victory over Framingham State.

Vielmetti needed 20 points entering the contest to become the ninth player in Westfield State's women's basketball history to make the magic milestone. She almost achieved the feat in the first half when she scored 17 points to stake the Owls to a 38-21 halftime lead.

Vielmetti scored her 1,0 point with 10:51 left in the gam a left wing jumper just inside three-point arc.

Heading into the final wee the regular season, Vielmetti le the Owls in scoring (13.8 point game), assists (5.9), steals (and free throw shooting (83 cent). She ranks ninth nationall assists in the NCAA Division

The Owls' final regular sea home game is this Saturday at vs. Massachusetts College.

Swim Team Finishes 5-3

Westfield 135 - Salem 111

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team finished its dual meet season with a 5-3 record as it defeated Salem State, 135-111.

Freshmen Jenny Gilbert was a triple winner for Westfield, placing first in the 50 backstroke (32.67), 100 backstroke (1:09.32), and 100 individual medley (1:13.73).

Double winners were senior Julie Abare in the 100 breastroke (1:16.54) and 50 breaststroke (35.67) and freshman Dana LedDuke in the 200 freestyle (2:22.85) and 100 freestyle (1:00.97). Kelley Reardon finished first in the one-meter diving.

The team concludes its season on Feb. 16-18 when it competes in the New England championships at Bentley College in Waltham. Twelve members of Westfield State's team are scheduled to participate in the three-day meet.

Bridgewater 167 - Westfield 124

BRIDGEWATER - Bridgewater State posted a 167-124 victory over the Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team.

"We just ran out of people" said coach Dave Laing. "I thought we could have won but we had a number of people who were sick."

Freshman Dana LedDuke was a triple winner for Westfield, placing first in the 200 freestyle (2:16.07), the 100 butterfly (1:08.66), and the 50 butterfly (29.16).

Senior Julie Abare was a double winner, taking the 50 breaststroke (35.84) and the 100 breaststroke (1:17.17). Freshman Jenny Gilbert won the 50 backstroke (32.78) and placed second in the 50 freestyle, Sophomore Kelley Reardon came in second in both diving events.

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Hi Folks! My name is DJ and I like comics. I hope you enjoy these senseless, stupid drowings! I even made one of them myself! anyway, I hope that you laugh yourself into o coma!! I love you all and I apologize if your grandma is in o coma. See you next week!

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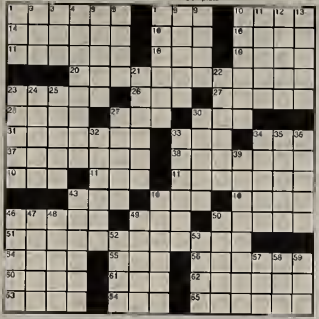

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by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x com)

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IT'S A BEAUTIFUL SATURDAY MORNING, AND I'M DOING MY PART TO BE AN ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS CITIZEN
I JUST WISH MY BEING HERE WAS VOLUNTARY.
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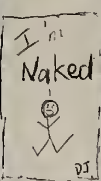

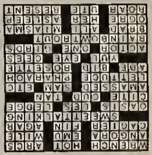

Personals

Thank you to all of yoo who wrote to the soldiers who are overseas for the holidays. It really made a difference! Love, the Subway Girls

Coach Ward, you are my hero.

Betsy, be easy...Chupito

For a good time oome see baby arm, 3rd floor Scanlon Pike.

What's the point of buying trash bags? You just throw them out anyway.

Sam and Melissa, you're going on Tower of Terror, so I don't want to hear it.

2nd "L"...all I have to say is Hollywood taper!

It's sad when you think you are friends with someone, but then they turn around and do something to hurt you. Don't worry, you'll get what's ooming to you.

Is the cognitive psychology project over yet?!!!

Cliff, let's go to Madi Gras!

B.C., Don't forget about me. -Double S.

Hey Rich: Jelly Belly is coming for you!!

V5 forever!

Hey Baby, I love it all-the mangos, the kisses, the Godiva ice cream, the phone calls, just because. Happy Valentines Day!

Stay in school, lunchbox!! We believe in you! Good Luck!

Somebody called Cityview, something about a blackout Adam!

Roti-they don't make x-small condoms.

What does Westfield State have that UNH doesn't?
-Anteaters

Blanche took an hour to read the persoanls, got stressed, had a Miller Sharpshooter, then passed out.

"Legs," I'm happy you found someone. Love, Weesa

The girls in 207A are the sexiest girls in Scanlon Hall!

I love my two-faced back stabbing roommates.
Who's tapin' the worm?

Lurch, getting it is fine, but paying $160 is down right illegal!

Foulks, enough is enough. Give me a break. -Heather

I love my Jawa girlies.

Cliff, windows don't punch back.

Gatesy, it wasn't me.

Why does Blanch play for Team Bigger than you?

My roommate has no friends! She's such a loser!

B.C., I hope you keep things locked, and holding things down.

Amy-Why don't you dump John and go out with me?

While oolumnist C.Ward's intention's may be to encourage a more informed readership, his negativity and sick jokes about poisoning babies on airplanes are simply unnecessary and unprofessional. Can't he assert his opinion without being vulgar and offensive?

Dicalas, Phalex, Punlo, Fisti, and Dorkney!

Caimey it's either me or the Squirrel Lover. Love, Caitlin

Hey Stalky Longstockings, leave me alone for the love of God, Heather.

Mike M. from Summer St. is the hottest at WSC.

Tom G. loves Dottie.

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Happy beyond belated birthday Jen. Luv, Kell

Dani, we gonna find the hoopla in Florida this time!

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Mon 2/12	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office
	7:00 p.m.	Spring Weekend Forum	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Monday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Coyote Ugly" and "Road Trip"	Channels 56&57
Tue 2/13	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Armageddon" and "Human Traffic"	Channels 56&57
Wed 2/14		**Happy Valentine's Day!**	
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Ely 232
	7:30 p.m.	Concert w/Mr. Yves Henry, pianist & composer	Dever Auditorium
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Art of War" and "Shaft"	Channels 56&57
Thur 2/15	3:30 p.m.	"I drive better when I'm drunk"	Dever Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:00 p.m.	Lecture/Video w/Dr. Vanessa Bell Hooks: Cultural Criticism & Transformation	3rd World Room
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Ely 130
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Gone in 60 Seconds" and "Loser"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 2/16	8:00 p.m.	Movies N/A	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Video	Ely Lower Lounge
Sat 2/17	12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.	The Spring Valley Puppets "Jack and the Beanstalk"	Dever Auditorium
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. Massachusetts College	Parenzo Gym
	3:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Massachusetts College	Parenzo Gym
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies N/A	Channels 56&57
Sun 2/18	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies N/A	Channels 56&57

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"This is not a quality education." -UMass Student

Report shows diversity at UMass is declining

By RJ Burgess III
Editor in Chief

Sky MacMunn was not planning on becoming a student protester when he entered the Whitmore Administration Building at UMass Amherst two weeks ago and found nine self-proclaimed "human billboards" in the lobby dressed primarily in black, standing motionless with duck tape over their mouths.

Senior Jess Fink said the students were demonstrating because the university is not permitting diversity to happen, since the administration "dismantled the affirmative action program" in the Spring of 1999. "This is not a quality education," said Fink.

MacMunn, a junior, is just one of many students who are concerned with the declining numbers of minorities, or ALANA, students at UMass.

"I think it's important for all people to be recognized in education, and the policies here don't seem to support that," MacMunn said, just before he allowed his mouth to be taped shut in what the demonstrators called a metaphorical sign of silence.

Student protesters also wore yellow signs that stated a number of facts that they said prove the declining numbers of ALANA students and also slogans such as: "Non-traditional students need not apply."

According to flyers the demonstrators were handing out to students on their way to offices such as financial aid or the registrar, there has been a 45 percent decrease in the Black/African American enrollment over the past three years, and a 41 percent decrease in Latino/Hispanic enrollment in four years.

But, according to Fink, "you don't need numbers to realize that this is a racist and classist institution."

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First on Spring Weekend bid: Shaggy

-File Photo

Surveys reveal Shaggy as first pick for Spring Weekend.

By Adrienne Lamplough
Voice Reporter

The Spring Weekend Forum held last Monday night in Ely Main Lounge answered many questions students were curious about for this year's Spring Weekend, to be held on April 27-28.

This year the bands that have been nominated for Spring Weekend are Shaggy, Jarule, Run DMC, Reel Big Fish, and G Love. Maggie Smith, Vice-President of Programming for the Student Government Association, has been giving out surveys for students to vote on their first and favorite choice for headliner.

418 students have taken the standardized survey so far, and out of popular consensus Shaggy is the number one choice followed by Jarule. Tied for third are Run DMC and Reel Big Fish and G Love is fourth. The Spring Weekend Committee has a set price of $20,000, which will be offered in a bid to each of the bands beginning with Shaggy. If Shaggy declines, the amount it will be offered to Jarule, and so forth, down the line.

"What will happen if we don't get any of the bands?" a student asked. Smith said that the Campus Activities Board's (CAB) agent said they are all good choices and that they are in CAB's price range, and since it is a day concert, the prices are relatively cheaper compared to an evening concert.

Smith said a stage manager or coordinator will be hired to run the show to make sure everything runs smoothly and that the problem of lateness with any bands will be relieved.

The cost of the tickets is $15 per person, and they will be sold in a two to three weeks span. The last day to purchase tickets will be April 1. "There will be no tickets sold at the door," said Smith.

The number of tickets to be sold is still being discussed and will be announced at a further date. Smith encourages students to buy their tickets ahead of time. The week before the concert, students will be able to pick up their bracelets.

The guest fee for on campus residence is $27 per person. Each dorm has an allotted number of people allowed for guests. Courtney and the Apartments will be allowed 30 guests

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Class cancellations force WSC to relocate students

Some students concerned they're not getting desired classes

By Kay Saltmarsh
Voice Staff

Westfield State College had over 20 cancelled courses for the Spring 2001 semester, forcing the college to find alternatives for students who enrolled in those courses.

According to Registrar/Director Institutional Research Susan Salzman, 25 classes were cancelled this semester. "Six of those classes were replaced with other courses for greater student demand," Salzman said.

"I think 25 seems like a high number because a lot of students seemed to have a hard time getting the classes they wanted," sophomore Russ Monroe said.

The reasons for class cancellations may vary, Salzman said. "Low enrollment is one reason a class may be cancelled. It depends on the course in question and how essential it is for the program," Salzman said.

A class may also be cancelled

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Restoration of faculty contracts discussed at Board of Trustees meeting

By Michelle DiGioia
Voice Reporter

The Westfield Stated College Board of Trustees met Wednesday night in Scanlon Banquet Hall discussing, along with many other issues, the restoration of the faculty salaries.

"We have a wonderful faculty who are very underpaid," said professor Gerald Tetrault, President of the Teachers Union. "We need to restore our faculty to their financial positions."

"The salary study from the Board of Higher Education indicated our salary levels are below our peers," said Tetrault. He discussed the Senate Bill 299, which seeks to restore the faculties' salaries to the salaries of their peers.

"We want to continue to serve as we have in the past," said Tetrault.

Vice President of Academic Affairs, William Lopes, discussed the two different types of sabbaticals available to teachers at WSC. The first is a one-year long sabbatical where a faculty member seeks approval and receives half of their salary. The second is a one-semester leave at full pay. Many teachers are preparing for sabbatical leave as of next fall.

Also discussed at the meeting were the issue of WSC's re-accreditation. Chairman James Hagan said the process is underway and they are anticipating the re-accreditation by the end of April 2002.

There are a few college architectural projects in the works that are going as scheduled, said Hagan. "They all should be done by mid fall 2002."

The Apartment Complex project will finish the interior and exterior of all of the buildings. Parenzo Hall is anticipating a year and a half of new renovations. And the Dining Commons will be closed down over the summer to be ready to reopen in the fall said Hagan.

Hagan said the problem of the shuttle bus transporting students to and from 333 has become an issue. There has been difficulty getting students from 333 back to campus in the ten-minute time span. The board announced a new schedule be put into effect that will allow fifteen minutes to accommodate students between class times.

VP Lopes

-Photos by Kay Saltmarsh

President Woodward

Father Dean visits with SGA

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

The Student Government Association welcomed Father Dean of the Albert and Amelia Interfaith Center last Tuesday night to talk about the center and its programs.

Dean noted that the center is "technically on private property." Still, he said, "Every religious denomination may use the facilities." Dean, Catholic Chaplain of the center, handed out pamphlets that explained the center and all the programs that it puts on. Dean ended his talk by asking if the SGA board had any questions. When no one replied, Dean said that he had a question for them. "What would you call the world if all cars were pink?" Dean then followed up with his Valentines Day answer of "a pink carnation (car nation)." The board laughed and student government president, Miranda thanked Father Dean for coming down.

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News

Voice of the Week sophomore Tracy Oliver's least favorite thing about WSC is when people say there's nothing to do on campus.

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Did IBM aid the Nazis? A new bookabout IBM and the Holocaust says there's a connection between the two.

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SGA member defends SGA's neutral stance regarding teacher contracts.

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The new 89.5 WSKB schedule is here for you to cut out and put on your refrigerator.

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"It's a great experience to coordinate a concert." -Maggie Smith, VP of Programming

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Vice President of Student Affairs, Arthur Jackson, VP of Programming, Maggie Smith, and Executive Director of the Campus Center, Daryl Hendery, at the Spring Weekend Forum last week.

Spring Weekend

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each, while Davis, Dickinson, Scanlon, and Lammers will be allowed 20 guests each. These numbers are based upon hall set up and past spring weekends. The number of guests allowed may change, but that is uncertain, so it is first come first serve, although a guest has never been prohibited from staying and it has not been a problem in the past. If a problem does occur, the policy will be looked at again.

Last year 1,600 tickets were sold although there was still room inside of the fence. This gives the possibility for more people to attend and more tickets to be sold, but it also allows more room for problems.

Friday night of Spring Weekend the 2nd and 3rd place winners of Battle of the Talents will perform at Ely main lounge. There will also be pancakes served, and a dance party with a DJ.

Smith said, Saturday of spring weekend will have fewer novelties than last year, most likely just three or four. There will not be jousting this year because of injuries sustained the previous year. The order of the bands on Saturday is the 1st place winner of Battle of the Talents, followed by Children of the Corn, Itchy Fish and ending with the to-be-decided headliner.

Battle of the Talents is a competition for bands to win the spot of opening performance at spring weekend. The Battle of the Talents will take place on March 27th and 28th. The 1st place winner receives $300, 2nd place receives $200, while 3rd place receives $100. Smith said, "A few rules have changed this year for Battle of the Talents, each group must have at least one member that attends Westfield State." This will clear up any controversy that occurred with last year's winners. The judges will be looking for crowd support and approval. "The bands want to have crowd appeal to win," said Smith.

The Spring Weekend Committee is looking for volunteers to work before and during spring weekend. Last year volunteers received complementary T-shirts, free admission tickets, and partial backstage passes. A few volunteer positions that are open include security in the front of the stage and back stage and decorating. Smith said, "It is a great experience to coordinate a concert." There will be training for all volunteers; the more people who know that is going on, then the smoother the day will run.

There also will be heightened security, including WSC police officers, ISOs, Westfield police, and student security.

From the Editor's Desk

Value of Education

"You can put a man through school,
But you cannot make him think."
-Ben Harper

I wonder if there was a time when higher education was valued as a place where knowledge was acquired and the futures of young adults were seen as more than just income, but rather as important investments.

Colleges are breeding grounds for future police officers, teachers, social workers, and leaders; was there a time when students of higher education were valued for more than their tuition bills? The current trend at colleges and universities is to hire administrators with good backgrounds in business, who are experts at earning the most revenue possible from the consumer students and their families. Hence, the overcrowding of the dorms to maximize the amount of money the college makes when some students withdraw from the institution.

Sadly enough, colleges are businesses, although most faculty are teaching at colleges with humanistic intentions. Even most students care more about their future careers and paychecks than the knowledge that can be learned at college. The main objective is to graduate. If it was possible, I'm sure some students would purchase up front their Westfield diplomas for the $32,000 it eventually costs to obtain over four years.

Most students, including me, do the least amount work possible to get good enough grades to get their diplomas to get a career to buy a car and a house and raise a family. Was there a time when people cared about the ideal of learning for the sake of being knowledgeable, or have colleges always been businesses with students' money being first priority and students' minds being second priority?

MassPIRG fights Big Oil

Hi Everyone! Although we are now well into the 2nd semester, I would like to welcome you all back and reintroduce you to MassPIRG.

This semester we are again facing some tough environmental and social problems, and with the new political climate in Washington, our struggle is not getting easier. We are again focusing on Hunger and Homelessness this spring with a huge Springfield area event in April. Our main efforts, though, will be in protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

Big Oil is working with the Bush Administration to open this amazing wilderness area to drilling and we are going to need lots of grassroots help from students here and across the country to stop them. These issues are of vital importance in our fight against special interests in America, so I say let's not sit back and watch the destruction of our environment or the continued poverty of millions of our brothers and sister. Help us organize for a better future.

Thanks
Eric Annarino
MassPIRG Campus Organizer

Diversity at UMass

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"Merely having eyes and glancing around campus provides the most telling evidence of all," the UMass Daily Collegian wrote last week, referring to about 80 percent of the student population being Non-Hispanic White.

UMass news director, Barbara Pitoniak, was saddened to hear that some students feel so negatively about UMass. "There are a lot of initiatives on campus to make it more hospitable to minorities, and to make it more diverse," she said.

Pitoniak also said that Chancellor David Scott, who is leaving in June, has made diversity "priority number one."

According to a UMass Factbook, printed by the Office of Institutional Research (OIR), the numbers of ALANA students have declined in the past three years.

The Factbook shows that the number of Black/African American first year students reached its peak in 1997 at 213 and has had a steady decline ever since: 161 in 1998, 124 in 1999, and 120 in the Fall of 2000. Similarly, the number of first year Hispanic/Latino students has been declining from its high point in 1996 with 218, to 165 in 1997, 155 in 1998, 144 in 1999, and 131 in Fall 2000.

The debate lies not in the fact the ALANA numbers are declining, but why they are declining. Kay Scanlan, head of communications and marketing, said that the decreased number of minority enrollment is attributed to a number of factors. In response to the student protesters she said, "We have not dismantled affirmative action."

Scanlan said that the university's admissions policies were changed because the university was overenrolling, and the declining number ALANA students is related to the drop in the overall class sizes. She said the university had to bring in smaller freshman class sizes in order to offset the already existing large class sizes, but that the ALANA students have maintained an average of 17 percent of the overall student population.

The UMass Factbook shows that although the total enrollment of freshman dropped from 4,060 to 3,731 from Fall 1999 to Fall 2000, the trend of declining ALANA, which began in 1997, coincided with an increase of freshman classes: 3,737 in 1997, 3,866 in 1998, and 4,060 in 1999.

In addition, the acceptance rates for ALANA students dropped from 81.6 percent in 1997 to 61.2 percent in 1999, while Non-Hispanic White applicants saw minimal change in enrollment, from 71.8 percent in 1997 to 70.8 percent in 1999.

The declining trend of ALANA students also coincides with the stiffening of admissions standards. The average highschool GPA for entering students rose from 3.09 in 1997 to 3.16 in 1998 to 3.26 in 1999. Furthermore, average combined SAT scores for incoming freshman rose from 1108 in 1997, to 1124 in 1998, and to 1133 in 1999.

Both Scanlan and Pitoniak said that the numbers of declining ALANA students were affected by the changing of guidelines for admissions.

"Race is one of the many factors taken into account," said Pitonaik. Scanlan added that in a self-enforced adjustment, the college re-evaluated the numbers of minorities admissions was accepting to be in accordance with the 1978 Bakke v. Board of Regents of the University of California decision. In that case, Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell determined that the university's rigid quota system was unconstitutional, although, the pursuit of a "diverse student body" was a valid reason to use race as a "plus" factor.

Since the *Bakke* decision, colleges have been interpreting the "plus" factor when writing their admissions policies. Recent court decisions and voter referendums at the University of Texas, the University of Washington and at the elite public high school Boston Latin caused UMass to reevaluate their standards to be in accordance with the law.

In November of 1999, a federal appeals court ruled that Boston Latin had discriminated against a white student by not admitting her, while admitting minority students with lower test scores and grades. UMass made efforts to safeguard themselves against such legal action. Scanlan told the Hampshire Gazette in February of 1999, "We felt we needed to be in compliance with the new legal environment."

But not all students are satisfied with the administration's reasons for the declining numbers of ALANA students. Graduate ALANA student, Carolyn Meadows, was one of many to stop and read the demonstrators' message. "This is important in the long run," Meadows said, after taking a picture of the protesters. "We're going back to the eighteenth century when only the elite could get an education."

The Collegian wrote, "The University of Massachusetts has always prided itself on being a diverse campus. This diversity, this range of options and background, is absolutely essential to a complete college experience, and, if ever found lacking, will seriously dilute both the appeal and effectiveness of UMass." The University must, adds the Collegian, "take drastic and immediate actions to determine the reasons for this decline and take firm steps to rectify the situation."

The demonstrators stood in the Whitmore lobby, "where the dirty deeds are done " for more than an hour, and after said that it was the second week of protests of this kind. They said every time they demonstrate, more people join in and stop for information. The President of the Graduate Center, Tom Taaffe said, "We're just getting started."

CORRECTION:
In last week's review, "Clarias visits Campus" on page 7 Arts and Entertainment, Jon Berman was named a "special guest performer." He is a permanent member of the band.

Class Cancellations

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by the department's request as a result of the inability to find a faculty member to teach the course, Salzman said.

Secretary of the English Department, Jean Placzek, also said low enrollment is one of the main reasons why classes are cancelled. Placzek said there were two classes cancelled in the English department this semester.

"English 102, section 40 was cancelled due to low enrollment and a problem with the Registrar's office. I think there were too many sections listed in the catalog," Placzek said.

"This semester Classroom Management was the one class that was cancelled, due to a listing error on my part," Chairperson of the Education Department, Richard Frank said.

"The Education department did offer an alternative for students," Frank said. "We placed those students who enrolled in Classroom Management into other classes."

"If we can't offer the student an alternate space in another section of the course, then we give the student the opportunity to select another course," Salzman said.

Deirdre Connor, who is a dual - enrolled student at WSC said, "Offering another class is a good alternative, but some students like to plan their classes ahead of time and if a class is cancelled it can mess up their schedule."

Student Administrative Services tries to conquer these issues preferably before add/drop period during the first week of school, Salzman said.

Secretary of Communication Department, Co Cousineau said, "This semester Online Journalism with Professor Wefing was cancelled because not enough students signed up for the class."

Professor Wefing responded by e-mail, stating he was disappointed Online Journalism was cancelled.

"I've been working hard to get up to speed on the new technologies," Wefing said.

An option for one of the students who had enrolled in Online Journalism was to take an independent study with Professor Wefing.

"I'm happy that [the student] is doing Online Journalism with me as an independent study. We are using the same text I would have used in the full course," Wefing said.

A notification process involving Dr. Robert Martin, Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the department's chairperson, discloses cancellation possibilities to the instructors, Salzman said.

"Liz Preston, Chair of the Communications department has a collaborative way of doing things, so I was fully aware, as soon as she was that [Online Journalism] might have to be cancelled," Wefing said.

"Our goal is to minimize disruption to the students. We like to do as much as we can and in the case of a class cancellation, students are advised to see us before classes even start," Salzman said.

"I think 25 is a high number because it seems like if there's 25 classes cancelled, there would be a lot of students who would be inconvenienced," Connor said.

SGA

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Miranda also reminded the board that during the week of March 26-30, 2001 the college will once again hold its "Week Celebrating Women." Miranda went on to say that everyone has had a woman go above and beyond for them in their lives and to "please nominate them" to show your gratitude.

Miranda also delivered Kendra Sand's, Vice-President of Student Life, report. Miranda said that "if you are planning to live on campus next semester, get your room deposit in (by March 1)."

The Neighborhood Association Committee announced that "the girl scouts are coming on March 20 to sell cookies." It was also said that "cookies are good" and you should show your support and buy a box.

Maggie Smith , Vice-President of Programming announced on March 23, at 6 p.m., 'The Price is Right'." She said that there will be a lot of give-aways and prizes and it will be as good, if not better than "Say What Karaoke?"

Jason Pleau, of the apartment complex, announced that they would be holding a 50/50 raffle in the apartments. Tickets will be sold on February 26 and the drawing will be done two days later, on February 28.

Meg Canning, Junior Class President, said, "The yankee candle sale has now begun and runs until March 3." Canning added, "We are selling them (candles) with the intent to give them to mothers as gifts, not for dorm rooms." Also, another fundraiser that the class of 2002 is holding is a collection of money to benefit the "Hole in the Wall Gang Camp" in Ashford, Connecticut. This camp was founded by Paul Newman and is for children ages 7-15 with cancer and serious blood diseases such as hemophilia, sickle-cell anemia, and HIV/AIDS. The class of 2002 hopes to raise $2,000 and checks can be dropped off in the SGA office. Canning said, "If every one of the 54 SGA senators raised $20, we'd have $114." A few laughs were heard and Miranda made a point of information that even tough she is "not the best at math," "Wouldn't that be over $114?"

The SGA meeting ended with the closing of its doors to all non-senators. According to Shalimar Colon, student trustee, the doors closed "to talk about specifies of 'The Loft project'; nothing interesting."

Commuter Council Update

Welcome back to another semester full of classes, papers, and exams! For some of you, this will be your last semester before graduation, so enjoy it to the fullest.

I hope some of you were able to attend our Valentine's Day Breakfast and received free candy. Our next commuter event will be a Free Pizza Giveaway on Tuesday, February 27 from 11:30 to 1:30. The Guitar Dudes will be playing in the Campus Center, and there will be plenty of pizza to go around. Stop by and have free food and listen to great music.

The Commuter Council is looking for new members this semester. We meet every Tuesday at 4:00 in Ely 147 (the door on the right after you enter the side door of Ely). We like to have fun and plan some great events for commuters. If you would like to join us, or if you have an idea or problem, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to contact the Commuter Council, feel free to call us at 572-5626.

Colleen Fromm
President, Commuter Council

Tip of the Week: Always make sure you have plenty of windshield washer fluid; there is nothing worse than having to see through a gray windshield!

Voice of The Week

Tracy Oliver

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YEARS AT WSC: 2

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LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: WHEN PEOPLE SAY THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO DO AT THIS SCHOOL

HOBBIES: SOCCER, BASKETBALL, AND TRAVEL

PERSON YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET: MADONNA

FAVORITE QUOTE: "SOME DAYS YOU ARE THE DOG, AND SOME DAYS YOU'RE THE HYDRANT" AND "GOOD FRIENDS ARE LIKE FAT THIGHS, THEY ALWAYS STICK TOGETHER"

FAVORITE FOOD: ANTHING THAT TASTES LIKE CHICKEN

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Lambda Sigma Honor Society sponsors WSC Dating Game

By Brooke Ann Popielarz
Special to the Voice

The Lambda Sigma Sophomore Honor Society is sponsoring a dating game in Wilson-Auditorium A on February 20 at 8pm for anybody who is interested in winning a fine looking date or watching an exciting game live.

People who purchase their ticket at the door will have a choice to throw their name into the bucket to try to win a date or to just to watch the game as an audience member.

Sophomore Robin Coulombe, and freshman Kevin Pelkey, are the two people picking out their dates from the three males and three females chosen from the bucket. The questions they will be asking are from Coulombe, Pelkey, select members from the honor society, and some have been influenced by the actual television dating game.

"I got the idea when I went to the national conference for the honor society in Alabama and another group mentioned they did a dating game and it went over really well and it was a lot of fun," said Julia Santabarbara, president of the society.

Robin Coulombe serves as an Resident Assistant for Westfield State and is an active person on campus. Kevin Pelkey will be in the Mr. Courtney pageant for his hall and is a hockey player for WSC.

Coulombe, Pelkey and winners of the dating game will receive prizes at the end of the event.

"I am really excited because this is the first event the society has done that involves the whole campus this year, and a lot of thought has been put into this to make it fun for everybody who attends," said Laurel Stewart, vice president of the honor society.

"This game is a new and exciting event for the students at WSC to have fun," said Liz LaFond, the society's treasurer.

The Lambda Sigma Sophomore Honor Society is for sophomores who obtain a 3.0 grade point average or better in their freshman year. The maximum number of students that can be accepted is only 50 and are chosen after an application and interview are complete.

"The dating game is a great way to advertise this honor society for sophomores," LaFond said, because a lot of freshman are not aware of the society.

The dating game is for anybody and tickets are only $1 at the door to watch or participate in, "your choice," said Stewart.

Amnesty International says torture is common in China

By Frank Langfitt
Baltimore Sun

BEIJING - From criminal suspects beaten to death by police to labor rights activists forced to ingest drugs while held prisoner in mental hospitals, Chinese live in a society where torture is widespread and systematic, according to a human rights report released last Monday.

In a detailed examination of the issue, the London-based group, Amnesty International, argues that torture is a common practice in China's sprawling bureaucracy and results in at least scores of deaths annually.

According to the 58-page report, the perpetrators not only include overzealous police officers but also tax officials, workers in local family planning bureaus and private security guards.

"In recent years, victims of torture have included many people who simply became involved in disputes with officials, questioning their authority or attempting to uphold their rights," the report reads. "Officials have resorted to torture in the collection of fines and taxes. Torture as part of blackmail and extortion by corrupt officials is also frequently reported."

The Chinese government denied the charges.

"The belief that China has systematic and large scale torture is not supported by factual evidence," the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a statement. "China's present human rights condition is the best in its history."

The Amnesty International report raises sensitive questions about human rights at an important time for China's Communist Party. Two weeks ago, the government launched a reinvigorated propaganda campaign to destroy the banned, spiritual meditation group Falun Gong after five people the regime identified as practitioners set themselves ablaze in Tiananmen Square.

Later this month, the International Olympic Committee is scheduled to arrive in Beijing to assess the city's ability to host the 2008 Summer Games. And next month, China could face the embarrassment of a U.S. resolution to condemn its human rights record at the annual meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

"This is the first test for (U.S. Secretary of State) Colin Powell and the Bush administration," said T. Kumar, advocacy director for Amnesty International in the United States.

If the United States decides to condemn China's record, the amnesty report would provide considerable ammunition. The report cites many graphic cases of torture. The victims include:

-Zhou Jianxiong, 30, a farmer from Hunan Province, who died in 1998 after family planning bureau officials tore his genitals off while trying to force him to reveal the location of his wife, whom they suspected had become pregnant without government permission.

-Cao Maobing, 47, an electrician from Jiangsu Province, who was thrown into a psychiatric hospital last December after talking to American newspaper reporters about his efforts to create an independent union at a silk mill.

-Quan Longyang, a migrant worker who was hospitalized for 35 days after being severely beaten about the head for mistakenly entering a women's shower room in Beijing in 1998.

In addition to highlighting many cases of torture, the report also cites some recent improvements in the areas of law and media while trying to explain why the practice persists. This year, a city in Northeast China's Liaoning Province announced it was giving suspects in some districts the right to remain silent when accused of certain crimes.

Many of the examples of torture that Amnesty International cites have come from China's own state-controlled press. Five years ago, investigative reporting of this sort didn't really exist here.

China's leaders seem to understand that indiscriminate torture is bad polities - even in an authoritarian state. In their struggle to control overzealous local officials, they have encouraged reporters to dig into cases of abuse and public malfeasance.

There are, however, strict limits on how far journalists can go. Routine beatings by local police are often fair game, but investigative reports on the killing of political prisoners are forbidden.

Suit accuses IBM of aiding Nazis at Death Camps

By Stephen Williams
Newsday

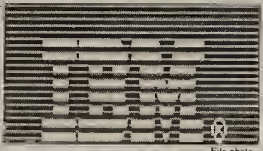
An incendiary lawsuit charges that IBM knowingly and - with profit in mind - abetted Hitler's Third Reich by supplying custom technology to identify, round up and catalog death camp prisoners during World War II.

In the suit, filed Saturday in federal court in Brooklyn, five named Holocaust survivors claim that IBM knowingly sold and supplied technology that caused "persecution, suffering and genocide" in concentration camps.

"The 1933 and '39 census records enabled the regime to identify Jews," said Suzette Malveaux, who represents the plaintiffs for the Washington, D.C., law firm of Cohen, Milstein, Hausfel & Toll.

At the Dachau camp, she said, "there were 24 IBM sorters, tabulators and printers ... IBM technicians actually sat down with their clients, and developed the punch cards, trained them how to use the machines, and visited them regularly to service the equipment."

The suit preceded by only hours the release of a book published Monday making many of the same charges. In "IBM and the Holocaust: The Strategic Alliance between Nazi Germany and America's Most Powerful Corporation," historian/investigator Edwin Black claims that the international corporation tailored a punch-card tabulating "solution" that helped Hitler to exterminate thousands of European Jews during World War II.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The current IBM corporate logo.

IBM spokesman Ed Barbini said Monday, "If any of the allegations turn out to be true, we'd condemn any that supported the Nazis."

Barbini said many IBM records from World War II were donated in 1999 to two universities, New York University and Hohenheim University in Stuttgart, Germany. IBM, which in 1924 changed its name from the C-T-R Company, expanded widely in the 1930s with operations in Europe (including Italy, Sweden and Germany), South America, Asia and Australia.

On Friday, IBM posted an internal letter informing employees of the book's publication. "We recognize that its very subject is an important and highly painful one for many IBMers, their families and the world community at large," it said.

The use of IBM equipment by the Nazis, an IBM Hollerith card-sorting machine that had been on display at the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, is not news. It was used for census counting in Germany and much of Europe.

But Black's research alleges that the sorting system - essentially, a primitive computer - was customized by Dehomag, the name of IBM's German subsidiary, with the full knowledge of company executives in New York, to trace religious affiliations and generational bloodlines, and that the machines "were established in every major concentration camp. People were moved from place to place, systematically worked to death, and their remains cataloged with icy automation."

Black, reviving a debate about the dealings of former IBM President Thomas J. Watson with the Nazi government, describes how the indexing cards helped the Nazis chronicle the names, addresses, lineage and bank accounts of its victims.

One of the five people named in the suit is 73-year-old Thomas Grossman of Florence, S.C., who, along with his parents and two sisters, was imprisoned at Auschwitz. His father died there.

"My name is on the suit because I'm one of the survivors," he said. "Whoever identified me helped me to go through hell. If IBM was part of that, the hell with them."

Malveaux said those named in the suit - they include two Czechs and another Auschwitz survivor now living in the United States - represented the diversity of "millions of others." She denied that the publication of the book and the lawsuit were orchestrated for publicity.

"We have had contact with Black, and our researchers have been looking at IBM's involvement," she said. "We're both trying to bring closure to this issue."

The sensitive issues have already prompted excited reaction.

In a statement from the Anti-Defamation League, national director Abraham H. Foxman wrote, "IBM today is clearly not responsible for the actions of its founder, Tom Watson, and his hands-on relationship with the IBM subsidiary Dehomag and the Nazis. Yet, IBM today must come to terms with this sordid chapter in its corporate history.

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News Briefs

HIV still high in some groups

Despite nearly a lifetime of safe-sex messages, some youthful populations in the United States have an astonishingly high prevalence of infection with the AIDS virus, researchers reported.

In addition, the ingredients are in place that could make things even worse, researchers said at an AIDS conference in Chicago. More than one-third of the people who know they are infected continue their high-risk sexual behavior, at least occasionally, according to new research. A person's tendency to revert to unsafe practices increases with time, suggesting that "prevention fatigue" sets in as people with the AIDS virus live longer and healthier lives. The recent rise in venereal disease in many cities is evidence that this trend is occurring.

The most startling news of prevalence is among young black urban homosexuals. About 30 percent of them are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), according to a survey of gay men in six U.S. cities conducted in the past two years by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Among Hispanics, the infection rate was 15 percent, among whites 7 percent and among Asians 3 percent. The cities were Baltimore, Dallas, Miami, New York, Seattle and Los Angeles.

In the entire sample encompassing all races, only 30 percent of the young men who were infected knew they were, and many of them were not getting medical care - two factors that, theoretically at least, might lead to steps that would cut their risk of passing the virus on to others. The chance of doing that was high: 46 percent reported having unprotected anal intercourse in the previous sixmonths.

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The Cut

CHRIS WARD

"Everything for everyone, but nothing for ourselves." Los Zapatistas, Los Chiappas, Mexico.

Hey listen you joiners...you know who you are. Don't spread yourself too thin. I dropped the hall a couple times last semester, I was doing too much. Look at it this way; either give an organization 100% or don't get involved at all. Time management continues to elude me.

Know what? There is NO polite way to put a seatbelt on, as a passenger, once the vehicle is in motion. Even a few minutes along the way, if you put your seatbelt on, you've made a "statement" about that driver's driving. Then the obligatory "What, am I making you nervous?" from the driver. This is an attempt to evade the implied "statement" and normally fails.

The other week I found a postcard that a friend of mine from Seattle had sent me years ago. It had her IM screenname on it, so I added her to the buddy list. Two days ago she came up so I dropped in on her out of the blue. It was cool, though, we rapped a while. Come to find out, she's a Lesbian now. Imagine that. I told her bravo for the strength that it took to come out to her folks and all that. Then, of course, the obvious question: "Hey, listen...that going gay thing, did that have anything to do with me?" Sorry, the male ego is a fragile thing. She said "No," that it "Doesn't work that way." Then I listened as she explained how it does work. Well, I was immediately at ease.

You know... rereading that last paragraph, I just know that there are going to be a few among you that'll see that story as some kind of "statement" instead of the mildly amusing anecdote that it's intended to be. How sad. There's only one "statement" to this story, in the form of a rhetorical question: Are you the same people who drive around with blank picket signs in the trunk of your car in case you run into a new cause on the way to Blockbuster? There's always more that we, in general, can do to increase sensitivity and self-censor. Believe me, I'm aware.

However, there are people who seem to DEMAND to be offended by the most trivial things on a daily basis. My guess is that they're usually not offended at all, but they perceive that somebody else might be so they speak up for the poor, defenseless, (theoretically) offended party. My guess is that it's a shallow life, staring at the red cape hanging in your closet and dreaming only of the chance to wear it again. Wouldn't it be fantastic if a specific percentage of people, perhaps that same percentage who note the racial overtones in "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," could live their entire lives in a bubble that had a five second delay of reality so that every possible event in their life could be screened beforehand, eliminating the risk of even the slightest offense? Making those people happy would go a long way toward making the rest of us happy, too. To those people I just want to say that when we accidentally wished you "Merry Christmas" instead of "Happy Holidays" we meant no offense. Please convey that message to your therapist.

In response to that (anonymous) query in last week's personals, "nope."

Here's a Black History Month Moment: Over the winter break I spent time down in Charlotte, NC. While I was there I learned that it's not uncommon to meet someone in the south who refers to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day as General Robert E. Lee Day. Entire (rural) towns, even. I'm not picking on the south, ignorance has no concept of the Mason-Dixon line, what I'm saying is that there's still a lot of work for us all to do.

"Blame is for God and small children." -"Papillon." I gotta split, man, but next week's column will be dedicated to the state of our nation's "War on Drugs" , and will include comments from a man in a position to know. Curious? Check out next week's "Cut." But call your mom first, she misses you.

Peace and Balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

Don't Call Me Baby

KATHERINE MANNING

There was once a girl that lived in Boston after her parents separated due to alcoholism running rampant throughout the household. When she first moved there, she lived in the safe and community orientated Italian family style section known as the North End, where she lived among nurturing people and caring friends.

Soon into elementary school however, she moved to the suburbs where she felt extremely out of place, missing her old way of life and friendships. Unlike her old neighborhood, she was now surrounded by unaccepting people that called her fat even though she was only slightly overweight. After several tips from her family on how to lose weight, she started on a slow paced diet. So slow that it wasn't until she reached 100 pounds at her 5'7" height that people started to show concern. After a brief hospitalization where she spent her last day scooping tuna fish under the table, she had people fooled into thinking that she was better.

Two months later, the girl told her mother that she wasn't feeling well, and although she was really faking it because she wanted to be by herself, her mother took her to the doctor's anyway. When they removed her clothes, they saw a skeleton standing on the scale at 79 lbs. Her heartbeat was 30 beats per minute and her blood pressure was nearing 0. The doctor told her that if she had gone to school that day, she would have died. After emergency care and intravenous, she spent a month in a mental health facility that began a long journey of recovery.

Although it wasn't easy, the girl took it one day at a time until she finally started to care for herself enough to allow some nutrients to enter her body, slowly nursing her back to a functioning state. The next step was to try to focus on positive things that people would say about her throughout the day. Positive Reinforcement is actually a technique to combat what has been otherwise classified as Confirmed Negativity Condition, an accomplice of her disease.

The disease is known as Anorexia, one of the more common of eating disorders. Some define it in spiritual terms, that it is a demonic possession of sorts that constantly tells the girl that she is not good enough to sustain her life and therefore should starve. However, I beg to differ with this definition.

An eating disorder can also be classified in sociological terms as well. As so many other things are, it can also be defined as a construction of our society. In actuality, Western Civilization is where eating disorders began, and it is where they continue to kill thousands of women, and even some men each year. Some feminist theories argue that the epidemic would be given more attention if it were afflicting the males of ivy league schools and our cultures finest athletes. This could very well be true, but what we can't deny is that the problem is hardly given any attention at all. Even within our own campus we currently have no support group for such people, although we are now trying to collaborate something and have been in some recent years. In general, it cannot be denied that the killing disease receives little to no attention in mainstream culture, except to maybe knock on Ally McBeal from time to time. We are not doing anything about it. We are losing our sense of community in this country anyway, so it would be hard to find the time in our anomic state.

From a young age, children are taught through the media and within their own homes that they cannot be accepted by others unless they are thin. For some, it becomes the main way in which the person can find self-identity , and without this crutch, eating disorder victims are lacking it. It is known as the objectification of the body, and these victims are merely trying to live up to such standards.

The girl which I spoke of at the beginning to this story was not fictional by any means. It was me that nearly died and overcame the battle by discovering what I had to offer the world besides body. Then I went to Italy on exchange, I soon discovered that most other cultures actually view a woman's body to be a symbol of fertility and beauty, where they actually find curves to be becoming on a female. If viewing femininity as sacred and special is what it takes for the individual to overcome it, perhaps it would help the entire culture to someday to look at a person for who they are, not what they look like.

If you would like to know more about eating disorders or know someone who is afflicted, keep your eyes open for a group that will hopefully assemble this spring in the Women's Success Center There will be postings

K. Manning is a Voice Columnist

SGA member defends SGA's decision to remain impartial

To the editor,

My name is Jillian McQuade and I am a senior here at Westfield State. I am writing to comment on your last article "From the Editors' Desk." I believe that the attacks that you are constantly making on our Student Government Association and Miss Miranda are uncalled for. In fact, I applaud Miss Miranda's choice not to give a comment or an opinion because it will reflect our entire campus.

I believe that SGA is here to represent the entire student body and not only the interests of a few. Unless the Student Government Association has written permission from every single student on this campus saying that they support teacher contract negotiations, I do not believe that Miss Miranda or the SGA should take a stand. Our Campus has many opinions that I am sure you understand, and if the President of our student body makes a comment or takes a stand on this issue it will effect every single student that attends Westfield State.

If we as students choose to defend the teachers, we can do it on our own ground. Yes, it would be nice to have the Student Government Association backing us but it is not necessary. We are all adults and we should be able to respect Miss Miranda and the Student Government Association for not taking a stand and speaking for us in this situation. If other schools chose to defend their teachers, then so be it. We are not currently arming our campus with guns just because seven other state schools in Massachusetts are. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jillian McQuade

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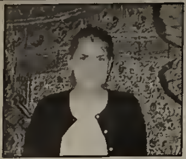

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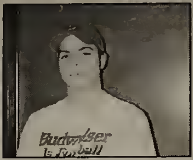

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Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

This past weekend, I was fortunate enough to have a couple of friends from home visit me here at school. As usual, our discussions centered on the general silliness of our culture, and how we could exploit this when the time came to conquer the world. You know, the usual...what's that? Global domination isn't the topic of most of your friendly discussions? Man, what else is there TO talk about? Oh well, I guess you have some catching up to do. With that in mind, I present to you my Five Easy Steps To World Conquest:

OK. Step one would have to be the elimination of all cell phones. You see, I have this theory that we've forgotten how to use regular phones. Seriously. Ask a person why they don't just wait in for a call if it's so important, and you're met with a blank stare. And the postal service? Forget about it. Logic therefore, would tell you that if you destroyed the cell phones, any possible communication between those pesky rebels would surely collapse.

Step two would involve sending a mass email to the entire world. Immediately upon opening it, that accursed game "Snood" would be installed on their computer. Have you guys played this one? I swear, once you start, your entire reality reforms around the pursuit of a new high score. My hope here is that people will become so engrossed that when my vast forces march past their window, nobody will take notice.

As we all know, it's just not cool anymore to go out and actually experience life. It's way more popular to sit at home and watch "reality" shows on TV. I mean, who wants to go on a road trip, or go camping, or get a group of friends together and interact, when you can just sit and watch other people do so in the comfort of your own living room? Especially when these "real" people resemble absolutely no one that the average person will ever encounter! Yep, step three would definitely be to flood the networks with even more "reality" television shows. I think I'd have to develop one called Freedom Fighters. "What's that son? You want to join the revolution against emperor Jon? Now, that's ridiculous! The TV people are already doing it. Besides, I think Mike and Allison are going to get together in this episode! Now get in here and watch it." See how easy it would be to keep the people content?

Step four is all about the music. We'd have to ban all those troublesome punk bands that encourage people to question what they are told. We can't have any of that. The same goes for any rock music that involves some semblance of intelligent lyrics. The youth under my rule will be encouraged to join teeny-bopper pop groups. In fact, those delightful LFO kids will become the official state band. The level of thought involved in their so-called "song writing" represents every overlord's dream.

As for step five, I figure I'll take a cue from just about every sci-fi movie ever, and adopt an official uniform for my subjects. This way, I can restrict non-conformist thought even further. To this end, I'll order Abercrombie and Fitch stores to be built in every shopping center across my realm. Hey, I'll even turn the youngsters into unthinking drones by creating Abercrombie Kids, and...oh wait. Curses. It seems that someone's already beaten me to that whole step. Oh well.

So, that's the plan. Seems pretty infallible to me. Hell, we're halfway there already! Anyway, if you want in on my future ruling council, you can swear fealty to me at dukesewell@hotmail.com. Though if you just want to send me any feedback or column ideas, you can do that too, I suppose.

See you all next week...

Jon Sewell is a Voice Columnist

A Day in the Life

ANGELA LAPIERRE

"My name is Angela and I'm a nerdaholic." "Hi, Angela!" Yep, that's me at the imaginary Nerdaholics Anonymous meeting going on inside my head.

Does anyone remember the 100 or so "Revenge of the Nerds" movies that came out in the 80's? You know, the wacky adventures of Lewis and Gilbert (Anthony Edwards before he became "Dr. Green" and was one of the highest paid actors on NBC next to those 40-year-olds from "Friends") in the pursuit of nerd equality against the Alpha Betas? When most people think of a nerd, they think of someone like that. A scrawny-looking kid with coke-bottle glasses, pants hiked up to his armpits, and polyester shirts buttoned all the way to the top complete with pocket protectors. Lucky for me, I have much better fashion sense than that. But I still can't help feeling like a nerd. I've been one since I was little and will always be one.

It all started back in 1st grade. My best friend at the time and I were in the same class and it was pure fun on a stick, all until my teacher saw that I was "bored" in class. Some tests were ran on me and it was found that I was of above average intelligence for a 1st grader. (It's kind of easy being the "smart" kid in class when all the rest of the kids either stick pencils up their noses or eat paste.) So they put me in another class away from my best friend. She hated me and got all of the kids on the playground to pick on me day in and day out.

The bullying became a daily routine for me until the 3rd grade. That's when everyone signed up to play instruments because it was the cool thing to do. I begged my parents to let me play the violin, but they were hesitant since I wasn't exactly a lifer in ballet class or gymnastics. Finally they caved in, and my popularity started to go up because I had the phattest looking violin in the 3rd grade. (C'mon, it was a big deal back then.) But one by one, kids started quitting their instruments. However, I stuck with the violin because it was something I was good at. Throughout the remainder of elementary school and middle school, I was still tormented by kids because I got A's on my report card, sucked in gym class, and played the violin.

Once I hit high school, I hoped my luck would change. But it didn't. While the popular girls were dating the cutest upperclassmen, I spent my weekends at home watching TGIF. Occasionally I'd go to a movie with a "boyfriend," but the guys I dated were nerdier than I was. My junior year, I decided to pull a 180 and go out for the cross country team. After a month of being the slowpoke on the team, I got injured and my running career (or lack thereof) was over.

The "rebel" deep inside of me came out when I went on a trip to England my senior year. Every night I would sneak into bars and get plastered. And get this, I even got my belly button pierced. But that didn't last long because after I got pierced, I ran to the nearest phone and cried to my parents.

Then I entered college. The first 2 weeks were spent in my room watching "Who's the Boss" reruns with my roommate. Luckily, after the 100th episode of Tony saying, "Ay yo, Angela!," reality set in and I got out of my room. But that's when I went a little overboard. Every weekend I would come home late (and most likely intoxicated) and wake up my poor roommate. Then soon I started skipping class. As a result of all the hoopla, my grades started slipping. Thank goodness I snapped out of it and pulled my act together.

Now I'm a second semester sophomore and back to my old self. I don't drink anymore, I try to go to bed at a reasonable hour and I go to class EVERY day. Heck, I even joined some activities and decided to take a sixth class. Yes, ladies and gents, the nerd in me is back in full force.

Anyway, stay tuned next week when I will do an undercover expose on one of the most popular TV shows on MTV, "The Real World." (True story.)

A. LaPierre is a Voice Columnist

The Porno Freak's Random Rock Report

MARK HITE

Well things are really starting to pop over at WSKB. We've had our first week of radio go by smoothly and the big winners on the loud playlists were The Dropkick Murphys, The Valentine Soundtrack, and Propaghandi. Sign up for a request on the bulletin board outside the station or call 572-5427! Now, onto some random reviews.

The new group Saliva seems to be very tight sounding. Watch for them VERY soon to be breaking on major stations. I'm hoping that they get a big push from our DJs this semester at WSKB. We recently received a three song sampler with the songs "Your Disease" (which I believe appears on the Drac 2000 soundtrack), "After Me,"and my personal favorite the rockin' "Lackluster.'

They remind me a lot of the band Boiler Room here and there but have more of a fresher sound. They provide a great mix of gloomy yet pick you up music which is bound to rock people everywhere!

The new Godhead CD, *2000 Years Of Human Error* should make some waves with industrial fans. The band looks like Marilyn Manson had a love child. I couldn't help but notice that the lead singer did sound a lot like the shock rocker himself. Manson does appear along with Twiggy on the track "Break You Down."

Regardless, this band can not be labeled as wannabes because they seriously have a sound that is all their own. The best tracks are found right in the beginning and at the end.

"The Hollow" (which appears on the Blair Witch Soundtrack 2) begins the CD with it's death popish sound. It's a great track but I'm quickly taking a liking for the smooth sound of the 2nd track "I Sell Society." It's a hellava fun track filled with sarcastic lyrics and cool mocking rhythms. I won't give the rest of the CD away but I will say that if you like the new wave of industrial that has come out recently check this one out!

The new Annihilator isn't bad but it sounds like they are kind of branching off in different directions instead of sticking with the standard thrash format. Good news or bad news...kind of hard to tell right now. Tracks 1 and 3 will supply with some thrashing fun though. The last couple tracks are rocking' as well!

Among some of the new albums received at the station was the new Monster Magnet, who is due out for a new CD real soon, single "Heads Explode." Sounding very Monster Magnet (ish) if you ask me!

Also, check out the new Valentine Soundtrack...it has a great selection of music ranging from techno to rock with rare B-Sides from Static-X, Filter, and Rob Zombie to name a few. I'm sure the soundtrack will do better than the movie. But you know what I say...any movie with Denise Richards is worth seeing just because of her!

We did receive the new Boy Hits Car In and I briefly checked it out. They do sound awesome from what I did hear. I will give you a better review on it soon. Well I'm out so take it easy all...later!

Mark Hite is a Voice columnist

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Mrs. Cage kills at the theatre

BY LAURA GIBSON
VOICE REPORTER

"Mrs. Cage" by Nancy Barr was a play put on by the Theater Arts Program in the English Department here at Westfield State College. Jennifer Roberts was the director. It played February 7-10. I saw the last showing on Saturday February 10, 2001

The two main characters were LT. Justin Kelly and Mrs. Lillian Cage. They were played by Dan Derby and Elizabeth A Marshall. The setting for the play was in the office of LT. Kelly, LAPD. Mrs. Cage is in LT. Kelly's office discussing what had taken place earlier on the day of August 4.

On that day Mrs. Cage had made a stop at the supermarket. At the checkout line she made an acquaintance with Phyllis Dean, played by Amanda Jenkins. Phyllis was in front of Mrs. Cage. When leaving the supermarket Phyllis Dean's purse was stolen. Billy Marshall, played by Steven Camara, was a box-boy who went after the thief, and in the process had been shot. Phyllis continued to scream about her purse, "I want my purse!" Mrs. Cage picked up the gun on the ground and shot Phyllis Dean. Mrs. Cage had a liking for Billy Marshall. Perhaps this is the reason for Mrs. Cage shooting Phyllis.

I enjoyed the play. The chemistry between Dan Derby and Elizabeth Marshall was perfect. The acting was great. Both characters showed great facial expressions. The use of their tone of voice was perfect. Both actors knew their lines well, and I was quite amazed at one point where Mrs. Cage was upset and angry, speaking so fast and not losing a beat.

I liked the lighting at the beginning of the play as they introduced each of the characters and the different areas of the set. The sound effects of the gunshot were great. When they introduced Mrs. Cage, and she shot Phyllis, it made me jump because Mrs. Cage was pointing right at me in my seat.

I would have liked it if there was more involvement with Billy Marshall and Phyllis Dean. Perhaps they could have had lines, instead of just the introductions. Instead of just the conversation between LT. Kelly and Mrs. Cage, it would have been nice if the murder scene was actually played out, instead of Mrs. Cage telling the story.

Elizabeth Marshall said, "It was a great experience. It was great working with Dan." Marshall said that she had a blast, and she felt it was a success. It was a job well done, and I would give it four stars.

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Labadorf Selected Third Team All American

By Mickey Curtis, SID

The honors keep piling up for Karl Labadorf.

The Westfield State College postgraduate student now rates as one of the best NCAA Division III men's soccer players in the nation as he was recently selected third team All American by the National Soccer Coaches Association.

The Wilbraham native becomes the third All American in the tradition-rich men's soccer program at Westfield State. Ali Goncalves (1976) of Ludlow and John Vassallo (1979) of Amherst were both All America honorable mention selections.

"This is a great honor for Karl and the Westfield State soccer program," said fourth-year coach Paul Whalley, a 1975 Westfield State graduate. "Karl is the hardest working player I have ever coached and he certainly deserves to be an All American."

Labadorf, who was recently selected a first team All New England forward, led the Owls to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 16 years. Westfield also claimed the Mass. State Conference championship and posted a 15-5 record.

Labadorf was a third-team All New England selection during his first year with the Owls when they won the 1997 conference championship and landed a berth in the ECAC Tournament.

Labadorf tallied a team-high 39 points (15 goals, nine assists) this season. He ranks 10th on Westfield's all-time scoring list with 111 points (42 goals, 27 assists).

In addition, Labadorf performed well in the clutch with 13 career game-winning goals. He stroked six game-winning goals this season, including three in postseason tournament victories over Massachusetts College, Worcester State and Roger Williams University.

The three other All New England first-team selections at forward this season also achieved All America status. Sophomore Alex Blake of Jamaica and junior Ted Giannacopolous of Needham - both from Williams College - were first team All Americans. Senior Stuart Hulke of Roger Williams was a second-team selection.

Westfield State soccer standout Karl Labadorf received an All America certificate from Dr. William Lopes, vice president of academic affairs, during the varsity sports fall banquet last December. Labadorf also was honored at the All-America luncheon hosted by the National Soccer Coaches of America in Indianapolis on Jan. 20. Head coach Paul Whalley accompanied Labadorf to Indianapolis.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Vielmetti Leads Owls To OT Win

FITCHBURG - The clutch shooting of Jamie Vielmetti led the Westfield State women's basketball team to a 74-67 overtime victory over Fitchburg State Saturday, Feb. 10.

With Westfield trailing 60-57, Vielmetti sent the game into overtime when she nailed a three-point basket from the left wing with 14.5 seconds left in regulation.

The Owls scored the first seven points in overtime, and Vielmetti sank six free throws in the final minute to preserve the big road victory in Fitchburg's new field house.

Vielmetti, a senior standout from South Deerfield, played the entire game and nearly posted a triple-double with a game-high 23 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

Junior forward A.J. LaBelle of Mohawk Regional also played 45 minutes for the Owls and totaled 22 points and nine rebounds. Junior Michaela Blaney scored 12 points, while sophomore center Melissa Cote of Feeding Hills contributed seven points and 14 rebounds.

Freshman guard Jamie Morgan and 6-1 freshman center Meredith Cipriani both scored 19 points for the Falcons, who erased an early 15-6 deficit to take a 37-34 halftime lead on their fine perimeter shooting.

Westfield improved to 14-7 overall and 6-4 in the Mass. State Conference.

Hoop Idols

As part of their community outreach initiatives, members of the Westfield State College men's and women's basketball teams recently made a presentation to the fourth grade students at the Southampton Road Elementary School in Westfield. The theme of the presentation was: Sports and Schools — They Do Count ! The players and Westfield State men's head coach Rich Sutter talked to the students about working hard in school each day; displaying sportsmanship; showing respect for everyone; and always trying to do what is right. The players also conducted basketball drills and signed autographs to the delight of the fourth graders. Pictured are Alyssa Tedesco and Bryant James.

Photos By Mickey Curtis

Reserve Guards Key To Victory

FITCHBURG - Guards Phil Luckett, Ethan Slavin and Phil Conners combined for 35 points off the bench to lead the Westfield State men's basketball team to a 58-53 victory over Fitchburg State Saturday, Feb. 10.

The Owls improved to 11-10 overall and 5-5 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield has two big games last week to conclude the regular season: Thursday at Framingham State and Saturday at home vs. Massachusetts College.

Luckett, a sophomore from Springfield Central High School, scored a team-high 13 points in 15 minutes of action. Ten of his points came in the final nine minutes of the game, including four free throws in the last 35 seconds to clinch the road victory.

Conners and Slavin each had 11 points and two three-point baskets. Junior power forward Bryant James finished with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Hakim Johnson paced Fitchburgh's balanced attack with 13 poits and seven rebounds.

Both teams made 21 field goals but seven of Westfield's were from three-point range. Also, the Owls were 9-for-10 from the foul line.

Indoor Track and Field Results

Tufts Invitational - Feb. 10

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: This was a non-scoring meet.

FIRST: Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.84; 4 x 200 relay, 1:35.7.
SECOND: Chris Allie, triple jump, 41-11.50.
THIRD: Matt LeMaire, 55 hurdles, 8.19; 4 x 800, 11:37.26; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-9.75.
FOURTH: Jason Pappas, 600, 1:26.29; Stanley Pau, shot put, 42-9.75.
FIFTH: Chris Hume, 400, 53.02; 4 x 400 relay, 3:38.97; Chris Allie, long jump, 19-10.75; Gerald Kane, triple jump, 36-11.50; Matt James, shot put, 41-9.25.
SEVENTH: Tom Bousquet, 1,000, 2:40.98; Jeff Favreau, triple jump, 35-6; Tom Gilbert, weight throw, 41-3.
EIGHTH: Marco Iannello, 600, 1:28.01.

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: This was a non-scoring meet.

THIRD: Lis Collins, shot put, 33-3; 4 x 400 relay, 4:17.5.
FIFTH: Jess Silva, long jump, 15-5.50; Lis Collins, weight throw, 35-1.25; 4 x 800 Relay, 11:04.44.
SIXTH: Erin Rourke, 55 hurdles, 9.80; Erin Rourke, high jump, 4-8
SEVENTH: Kristi Popoff, 1,000, 3:27.86.

Student-Athlete's Study Hall Schedule

Sunday - 7 to 9
Monday - 7:30 to 9:30
Wednesday - 7:30 to 9:30

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12 Wield
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20 Make fizzy
21 Yank's foe
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25 Spud state
26 At no time
27 Forever and —
29 Author Ingalls
30 Cover
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35 Ripe
37 Dreary
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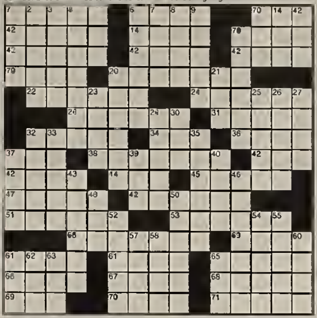
Hi Kids! I love comics sooooo much!! I draw them now. I am all excited about this wonderful page for you. I know you will enjoy this page more than life itself. See you next week!



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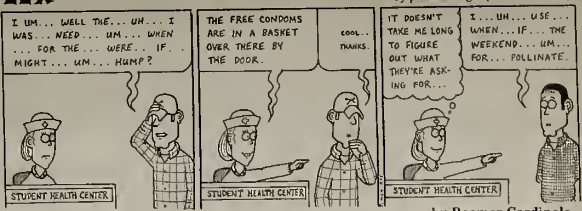
by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)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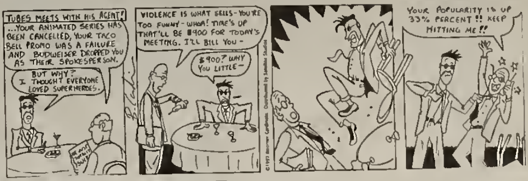
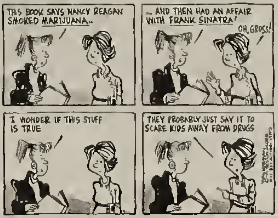
STUDENT HEALTH CENTER
THE FREE CONDOMS ARE IN A BASKET OVER THERE BY THE DOOR.
COOL.. THANKS.
STUDENT HEALTH CENTER
IT DOESN'T TAKE ME LONG TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY'RE ASKING FOR...
I... UH... USE... WHEN... IF... THE WEEKEND... UM... FOR... POLLINATE.
STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

TUBULARMAN

by Boomer Cardinale


TUBES MEETS WITH HIS AGENT!
...YOUR ANIMATED SERIES HAS BEEN CANCELLED, YOUR TACO BELL PROMO WAS A FAILURE AND BUDWEISER DROPPED YOU AS THEIR SPOKESPERSON.
BUT WHY? I THOUGHT EVERYONE LOVED SUPERHEROES.
VIOLENCE IS WHAT SELLS- YOU'RE TOO FUNNY - WHOA! TIME'S UP THAT'LL BE $900 FOR TODAY'S MEETING. I'LL BILL YOU -
$900? WHY YOU LITTLE -
YOUR POPULARITY IS UP 33% PERCENT !! KEEP HITTING ME !!


THIS BOOK SAYS NANCY REAGAN SMOKED MARIJUANA..
... AND THEN HAD AN AFFAIR WITH FRANK SINATRA!
OH, GROSS!
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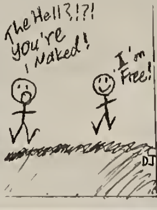
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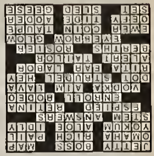
You're Naked!
I'm Free!
DJ



Personals

Steve S. - You have only one life! Only so many second chances. You have only one heart! Only so many choices! (madi gras 2003) -Steph

I still love you Sweeney!

Lonely Guy, Rm.107A Scanlon. Looking for someone to cuddle up with for Valentine's Day.

B&Z, Thank you. What would I do without you?

I miss my mom.

I hate WSC Rent-A-Cops

Stop acting up, you lost a boyfriend who really loved you! You know who you are!

Janet - Everything I put into my mouth, I blow.

cha, cha, cha.

Blake, stop being soooooo shiny!

We got bored and wrote 20 personals for the paper.

What the hell is that supposed to mean?

Mr.McGovern is a sexy Walgreen's employee.

Waw!!!

Garrett, you are not as "money" as you think you are.

Trebek, you bastard.

Blake, dj jazzy jeff was never a real dj!

What are you talkin about?!?!

Can I be a profesional personal AD writer?

Picik a clothing style and stay with it Blake!

Hilary, Kim, and Lucie you got the right stuff!

Spring Break 2001 - Florida here we come!

Happy Birthday Ralf, we love you!

STOP M.K.2.K. NOW!

Darien - I want your girl. From, ???

Kaylicious is my favorite flavor.

Breakfast cereal is the only safe bet at the D.C.

P.L.U.R.

D - You better take care of what you have before someone else does!

69 1/2 Meadow Street - It's the place to be...that's where you'll find me.

People who work for WSKB and the Campus Voice should get reserve parking in Ely.

Coach, want a Twinkie...hehe!

Dooza, where's my ring? -Sara

My so-called article

DJ Eeyore in Davis Lounge at 7:00pm-? Saturday, February 24th! Go!

Brian in 406, you are a sexy god and I want you to rock my world.

MEW!

I love Pat L.!!!

My neighbors are EVIL!

Andy V. is a hottie!! Love, Lex

Ravers, Unite!

Yeah, he drank nine short of a six pack!

I love you Baby! Love - Your Angel

The boys in A213 do really weird things in their room at night...I know... I've witnessed it all.

M.K.2.K is really freaking me out! Stop it!

Scuba Steve....you're my hero!!!

Happy Birthday Dave!!! (2/13/01) Love, Court

We hate band practice!

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WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 2/19	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office
	8:00 p.m.	Monday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Autumn in New York" and "Disney's The Kid"	Channels 56&57
Tue 2/20	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Bait" and "Beautiful Girls"	Channels 56&57
Wed 2/21	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Blood Drive	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Lecture/Video w/Dr. Tatum; Stuart Hall: On Representation and the Media	3rd World Room
	7:00 p.m.	Evening of Gospel Music	Dever Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Ely 232
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Disappearing Acts" and "Exorcist 2000"	Channels 56&57
Thur 2/22	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:00 p.m.	5th Annual Student of Color Recognition Banquet	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Ely 130
Fri 2/23	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Bless the Child" and "Bring it On"	Channels 56&57
	8:00 p.m.	Snowbound Activities	Ely Campus Center
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Video	Ely Lower Lounge
Sat 2/24	12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.	Poko Puppets "Aesop's Fables"	($$)Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 p.m.)	Unity Fashion and Talent Show	($$)Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Bless the Child" and "Bring it On"	Channels 56&57
	10:00 p.m.	Dance Freaky Night II	($$) 3rd World Room
Sun 2/25	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies 'Bless the Child' and 'Bring it On"	Channels 56&57

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY--"JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

At your service..........

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Spring ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $5

ELY CAMPUS CENTER GAMES

Games are located in Ely 131. You must present your student ID in order to take games out.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Activities Line: x5840 / Info Line: x5440 / Class Cancellation Line: x5411

Dining Commons

Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services

(Nurse on duty) Sun 4p-12a, M-Th 8a-12a, F 8a-4p, Sat 12p-5p
(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p x5500 pool info

Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p Fri 8a-5p
Sat 1p-6p & Sun 1p-9p

Bookstore

M-Th 8:30a-5p Fri. 8:30a-4p
Sat. 11a-3p Sun. Closed

Subway

Mon-Fri 8a-11p Sat 12p-11p
Sun 1p-11p

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"What's at risk is too important to destroy."
-Nichole Provencal, Senior

-File Photo

Three bears on existing oil pipelines in Alaska.

MassPIRG campaigns for Alaska

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

Students of Westfield State College took part in MassPIRG's "Keep Alaska Wild" campaign last week in Ely lobby by placing phone calls to BP Amoco, an oil company that is lobbying to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil drilling, to state that they oppose BP's practices.

The campaign is part of a nationwide PIRG campaign to preserve Alaska's wildlife said Eric Annarino, the campus director of MassPIRG. According to Annarino, PIRGs across the country were part of an effort to get students to call BP Amoco and state that they oppose oil drilling in the Arctic Refuge and BP's practices.

"Our target is BP Amoco because it is the largest oil company working in Alaska, and they are spending the most money to lobby the Bush administration to allow oil drilling in Alaska's wilderness," Annarino said. "We're trying to smear the environmentally friendly image that they've put out because it is completely false."

Annarino said that PIRGs across the nation participated in the same campaign last year and were so successful at flooding the phone lines that BP had to shut down their customer service phone system for

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Fire destroys Public Safety officer's home

SGA asks WSC to donate to Officer William's family

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

A devastating incident occurred on February 15 in which campus Police Officer Roger Williams' home burned down, leaving him and his family homeless, Student Government Association (SGA) President Mandy Miranda said during last Tuesday's meeting.

Miranda said that his family lost absolutely everything that they owned. She moved that SGA donate to the Williams family a $100 gift card from Wal-Mart so they can buy necessities they lost in the fire.

Public Safety Director, Chief Paul Scannell said that the Williams family has taken in over 60 foster children over time and has always given to their community. Scannell said that at the time of the fire four children were in the building: three foster children and one birth child. He said that any donations can be dropped off at public safety.

"Anyone that can give, should give," said Miranda.

A senator said that in most of the residence halls there are drop boxes for any donations. Miranda

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-File Photo

Chief Scannell said that the children were saved from Officer Williams' home, but nothing else was.

-Photo by Meg Farrell

Over $1000 was raised, along with clothes and food, for Officer Williams' family.

WSC students raise over $1000 for Officer Williams' family.

By Michelle DiGoia
Voice Reporter

Students on the Westfield State College campus made donations last Tuesday night for a campus police officer whose home burned down last week and left him and his family homeless.

Officer Roger Williams' Springfield home burned down last week in a fire that claimed everything but his family, according to Chief Paul Scannell, Director of Public Safety.

Students were able to raise over $1000, along with donated clothes and food, said Mandy Miranda, President of the Student Government Association. Miranda also said that SGA donated a $100 Wal-mart gift card.

Scannell said it was a very dramatic fire, but that there were no physical injuries. "They were able to save the children, but that's about it," said Scannell.

Williams has four children all under age five, three of which are foster children. A memo from

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Weekend hours on campus are few

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

The facilities at Westfield State College are open for less time and close earlier on the weekends then during the week, leaving some students upset about what they can and cannot do on the weekends.

"I think that everything should be open until at least midnight, with the exception being the Dining Commons which should be open all day until seven, because people have things to do during the day and sometimes they can't make it to eat or workout around the hours that things are open now. It shouldn't matter how many people need the facilities, but that they are open for those that do," said Junior Kerri Landry.

See graph on page 1 for hours of operation of Subway, The Nest, Dining Commons, Taco Bell, The Wellness Center and the library on the weekend.

The Dining Commons, Subway, The Nest and Taco Bell are all run by Food Services and the reasons for their hours on the weekends are all contractual said Peter Stetson, Director of Food Services.

"The reason for the hour difference on the weekend, especially at The Nest is decided during the bidding process for a food service provider. In 1994, we decided to have the hours be the same as they

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Weekend Hours

Library
Saturday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Dining Commons
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Subway
Saturday 12 p.m.-11 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.-11 p.m.
The Nest
Saturday Closed
Sunday 5 p.m.-11p.m.
Wilson Taco Bell
Saturday & Sunday Closed
Wellness Center
Saturday 1 p.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

Honors society needs money to attend national convention in Texas

By Jennifer DeStefano
Special To The Voice

Several members of the Westfield State College English honors society wanted to attend the national convention with very few means of funding the trip last year, so to reduce expenses, they drove the 968 miles to the Savannah, Ga. convention site.

This year's convention is over two thousand miles away in Corpus Christi, Texas. Sigma Tau Delta President Erica Lawlor said that the non-stop thirty-nine hour drive is not feasible.

"That drive would take us a little more than the 24-hour haul to Savannah, approximately three to four days more," she said.

Lawlor said she has been seeking alternatives to accommodate student expenses. But there are not many options available to honor societies on campus she said.

"You would think that the college would be eager to establish a reputation of scholars among other colleges and universities," she said. "But they certainly don't act like it."

The students of Sigma Tau Delta are not alone in their search for funds. Westfield State College houses over twenty academic departments, most of which have chapters of honor societies.

April Bak, President of the communication honor society, Lambda Pi Eta, said she has also struggled with financing club projects.

She said, as a result, rather than focus on professional development projects, Lambda Pi Eta has focused more on community service activities.

"We have no money to fund other types of projects," Bak said. "And I have had no luck getting members to dig into their own pockets to donate."

According to Student Government Association Senator Tracy Oliver, most campus clubs and organizations can request financial assistance from the Student Government.

However, honor societies

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had been previously. It's determined by the school and we have actually extended the hours since I have been here," Stetson said.

Stetson said that the hours of The Nest and Taco Bell were cut back on the weekends for monetary reasons. "We agreed not to be open for seven days because there was not enough business to support them on campus," he said.

There is a food committee that is a part of the Student Government Association that makes some decisions about the Food service on campus, said Stetson.

" They talk about hours and anything else that is an issue for-the students at the Dining Commons or any other food service here. I guess if SGA cried enough about the hours not being good enough for the students then something would be done about it; however, if there was no financial support then there would be no extension of hours," Stetson said.

Barbara Hand, Advisor to SGA said that SGA is just a vehicle to the system and that they could not single-handedly change the hours.

"The food service committee is something that all students can participate in, and if they have complaints and they are large enough then senate will evaluate them and submit a request, but they are just a go-between," Hand said.

According to Hal Gibson, *Library Director*, the amount of time that the library stays open on weekends is a decision made by himself and then reviewed by Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Dr. William Lopes.

" We look at the data we compile from the door counter we have, to see how many students use the library at certain times of the day and certain times of the week and we base decisions about the hours we stay open on that," Gibson said.

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Taco Bell, in Wilson Hall, is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

"We have tried longer hours before but the need wasn't there. It also costs more to staff people to stay here for longer hours and we don't have the financial support to do that if there is virtually no utilization," he said.

The Wellness Center is open for a total of 10 hours on the weekend. Dr. Arthur Jackson, Vice-President of Student Affairs, said that he makes the decision along with the center's staff and Student Government about how long the wellness center will stay open on the weekends.

"Student Government and I decide things like hours for the gym. We review the problem brought to our attention and then make a decision to accommodate the students," Jackson said.

"We need to take a few things into consideration, like can we provide supervision and can we provide security for extra hours. I know that the gym is used quite a bit by everyone, especially on the weekend, but not a lot during the daytime," he said.

Stetson said that even if the food services stayed open longer on the weekend that students probably still wouldn't stay here.

" I don't think the amount of time we are open has anything to do with the amount of students that stay here on the weekends because we change hours for special events on campus all the time," he said.

Gibson agreed with Stetson about the hours on weekends. " I don't think that it discourages students to stay on campus on the weekends. They are going to do what they want to do whether or not we are open," he said.

Some students said that there was no reason for the on campus facilities to close early on the weekends.

" The Dining Commons is definitely a pain because I'm not always home when it closes and the grill at Taco Bell closes so early on Fridays," said Freshman Amy Stagelmann.

"On the weekends things should be open longer or at least equal because people are up longer and have less to do than during the week," said Freshman Matt Murphy.

Freshman Jocelyn Martin said, "I think the Dining Commons and the library should be open all the time because we pay and we should have access whenever we want."

SGA

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said because the family has lost everything except for their lives, they need everything and that all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Jen Prior, Sophomore Class President, also expressed her sympathies for the family and said that the sophomore class is donating $50 to the Williams family.

Also at the SGA meeting, Vice-President of Programming Maggie Smith said Tuesday night jazz has been changed to Monday nights. Smith also said there will be a coffeehouse on March 7 in the Ely Campus Center. She said this coffeehouse will showcase people that will perform at the Battle of the Talents.

Meg Canning, Junior Class President, said that the Yankee candle sale is going well and that candles are still available for purchase.

Shalimar Colon, Student Trustee, said that the college will be holding six open forums throughout the semester to talk about the accreditation process at WSC. Colon said that they want as many student opinions as possible. The first forum will take place Tuesday, February 27 at 6 p.m. in Ely room 130.

Colleen Fromm, Commuter Council President, said that there will be another pizza giveaway on February 27 from 11:30-1:30 p.m. The giveaway will take place in Ely and the Guitar Dudes will perform.

From the Editor's Desk

The SAS Blunder

I dropped a phone call to the Student Administrative Service Center on a regular afternoon, hours before they closed. I needed to find out an answer to a simple question about dropping a class.

It was the business day following the end of add/drop week and I still had a class I intended to get rid of. Since a trip to 333 is a major project and investment of time, I had very stupidly allowed the chaos of the first week of classes to invade time needed for errands, such as dropping this class. All I wanted to know was if there was any way to avoid a giant W on my transcript from withdrawing from a class after the specific time allotted to such actions has exhausted.

If you are at all like me, you don't look forward to the half an hour to forty-five minute commitment it takes to go to 333 and return, and you definitely don't look forward to the half hour it will take you on hold if you call.

Case in point: I chose the latter of the evils and called 333 to find out what to do about my class I had, but did not need nor want. I spent the first five minutes listening to a computer tell me how important my phone call was and to please be patient, etc. Finally a human being picked up, but before I could feel relieved, she asks me to hold. I waited another five minutes, never wishing more for some elevator music to shut up the recorded voice that kept reminding me how important my phone call was. Finally a person asked how they could help me. I explain the whole situation, and then I am unexpectedly forwarded to another person who supposedly knows the answer to my question, but is not there and I get their voice mail. But I did not want to leave a message to be answered at a later date; I wanted a response then and there. So I started all over again. Please return to the beginning of this paragraph and reread it, if you would like to find out what happened next, or keep reading if you believe I went through the same process again only to find out that I needed to make a trip over to 333 to get a drop form and that my transcript W was inevitable.

I'm sure many people have similar anecdotal stories they can offer to support my own. This was the last time I would ever call 333, and although it was my own fault for not dropping the class earlier, I was not frustrated with the answer but more so with the amount of effort and time I had invested into obtaining it. Had the offices of SAS been in Parenzo, I could have had easier access to the answer to my question and might have avoided my frustration. Michelle Mattie, the Director of SAS, told the Campus Voice in the September 4 issue that "The goal of the center is for a student to be able to visit us and deal with all issues in one place." She added, "We expect the center to be an all inclusive service for students." I give administrators like Mattie the benefit of the doubt; I like to believe they had good intentions when moving everything students needed from their fingertips in one hallway of Parenzo down Western Ave. Maybe the efficiency of the new center works wonders for the administration and staff, but it is an utter hassle for student access.

Dean of Undergraduate Students Robert Martin told the Voice in the same issue that he believed it was a good idea to put all these offices (Financial Aid, The Registrar, the Business Office, Payroll, and Admissions) all in one place. "After purchasing Stanhome, we needed reasons for students to go there," said Martin. "It needs to feel like it's part of the campus, and by placing these offices there, it will," he said. If the Criminal Justice Department wanted to move into the building so much, that's fine with me, though if it was my major I would have been a bit disgruntled. And if the President wanted to move his office down there and remove himself even further from the campus community, that too is fine with me; we've gotten along just fine without him being seen around campus for the last four years. But for the administration to assume what was in the best interest for students without asking the students first is preposterous; I'd be satisfied if a survey proved more than 50 percent of the student population was all for the transition of the offices necessary to our time here to move to SAS 333, but I know very few students who think the SAS move was a good idea.

A one-minute readjustment route between classes to pop in and pick up a form or ask a question has been converted to unpleasant time wasted on trips and phone calls to 333. If I wanted distance to be part of my higher education, I would have gone to UMass Amherst. I do not fault the staff, who work tirelessly to do their best to service us, but the powers that be, who decided they needed a reason for students to trek over to 333, which will not feel part of the campus while there's a church and neighborhood between Main Campus and the old Stanhome grounds. The 333 SAS experiment is a blunder and could have been avoided if the 'unthinkable' occurred: students had input.

Williams

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Scannell has been circulating with clothing sizes of the children, for anyone who would like to make clothing donations.

Williams lived on the second floor of his three family house, said Chief Paul Scannell. The fire allegedly began in another family's section of the home and spread.

"We are encouraging everyone to make donations to offset his losses," said Scannell. "It is very appreciated by the family."

Scannell said Williams and his family are staying in a motel for the time being, and are in the process of looking for an apartment.

"It was a shock to everyone," said Scannell. "It's a terrible thing losing everything and having to start all over again."

"He is a very good officer," said Ryan Forsythe, Chief of Student Security. "I guess he is doing as well as can be expected; he has taken work off during his time of need."

There have been clothes, toys, toiletries, and many other types of donations flooding into the office, said Forsythe.

"We are deeply concerned about his family and we are excepting all kinds of donations," said Dr. Arthur Jackson, Vice President of Student Affairs.

All donations (checks made payable to Roger Williams) can be sent or brought to the Public Safety Office at the White House on Western Avenue. The sizes of the children for clothing donations are: infant sizes 12-18 months (boy and girl), children (boy) size 4-5, and children (boy) size 10-12.

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MassPIRG

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two days. Annarino said that he hopes for similar success this year and added that campaigns like this can last for years.

According to Annarino, this campaign is concerned with protecting Alaska's wilderness areas from destructive practices, such as oil drilling. Student PIRGs nationwide are working to protect these areas, which include the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, a 1.5 million acre coastal plain, which is the only portion of Alaska's northern slope not open to oil drilling. Oil companies have been pushing to open up areas of Alaska, like the Refuge, to drilling. President Bush has said he is in favor of expanding drilling in Alaska in order to increase U.S. oil production, which means that oil companies may soon get their chance to start drilling in places such as the Wildlife Refuge said Annarino.

WSC students that participated in this campaign said they feel this is an important issue and that an irreplaceable part of America is at risk.

"I've been here four years and I finally had time to get involved with MassPIRG," said Senior Mike Giannopolo, who is disgusted by what Bush plans to do in Alaska. "I think that this is an important issue to be involved with."

Nichole Provencal, a senior, stopped between classes last Tuesday to call BP Amoco. "I called because what's at risk is too important to destroy," she said. She said that she wanted to ask those who worked for the company if they really knew what was at risk by drilling in Alaska.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke-

Students calling from Ely Lobby to voice concerns on drilling in the Alaskan wilderness. Top-Junior Doug Wedemyer, Bottom-Senior Sarah Maneux

Provencal said that the operator had a positive reaction to her call. "He commended me for knowing something about the issue," she said. Provencal said that the operator told her that they were keeping track of all who called to protest BP's practices.

Annarino said that another project MassPIRG has in the works concerning protecting the Alaskan wilderness is to have students sign eco-pledges to send to companies like BP. When a student signs an eco-pledge, they vow to not work for, purchase products from, or invest in companies that fail to take action to improve their environmental behavior.

MassPIRG also hopes to sponsor an Earth Day concert with WSKB where students can become more informed on environmental issues, such as protecting the Alaskan wildlife, said Giannopolo. "Hopefully, it will incorporate a lot of information about the drilling and the problems it will cause in Alaska," he said.

To contact BP Amoco, call 800-883-5527. To save time, dial 2 then wait, then dial 3 and wait for an operator. PIRG's are asking students to say they cannot support BP's desire to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil exploration and drilling, since the refuge is one of our last remaining wilderness areas and deserves to be protected, and to ask the operator to pass the message on to his/her manager.

Honors

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remain exempt from Student Government Association funding.

"An SGA-sponsored club has to be open to all students," said Oliver. "Honor societies are an exclusive membership and therefore can not be funded by the Student Government."

Lawlor said she understands why the Student Government Association does not include honor societies when allocating funds.

"We are not clubs open to any student who wishes to join. In that sense we are discriminate, and that goes against the diplomatic nature of SGA," she said. "However, I do wish that there were other sources of funding for honor societies."

Lawlor said the Sigma Tau Delta chapter, while only in its fourth year, is experienced in fundraising.

"The most successful fundraisers from the past have included some of the 'oldies but goodies' like bake sales and car washes, each earning between one and two hundred dollars," Lawlor said.

These fundraisers are helpful for financing small social and cultural activities, such as trips to local plays, according to Lawlor.

However, small fundraisers can cover only a fraction of the cost of events such as the national convention, she said.

."We received a grant from the college of $1,000, which is very helpful," Lawlor said. "Unfortunately, with six members invited to present at the convention, that splinters off into a very small amount per student, barely enough to cover registration fees and hotel rooms."

Oliver said she sympathizes with Lawlor, but supports the reasoning behind the Student Government policy.

"It seems kind of strange, but it makes sense," said Oliver. "For example, anyone can be in the Mass Comm Club, an SGA funded club, regardless of major. However, not everyone can be in the SNEA, the education club, because membership requires that you be an education major. Therefore, they are not funded by SGA because their club is not open to the entire campus."

With financial options exhausted, Lawlor said she and the other students attending this year's convention in Texas will have to pay their own airfares.

"It would be a shame for a student to have to pass on such a good opportunity because of expenses," she said.

Voice of The Week

Patricia Berube

POSITION AT WSC: **DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES**

HOMETOWN: **WESTFIELD, MA**

FAMILY: **HUSBAND AND FOUR SONS AGES 26, 24 AND TWIN 21 YEAR-OLDS**

YEARS AT WSC: **16**

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: **THE COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE**

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: **THE SMASHED ICE CREAM LEFT ON THE SIDEWALK AND THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM**

FAVORITE QUOTE: **"THE GOLDEN RULE - DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WANT THEM TO DO UNTO YOU."**

FAVORITE FOOD: **CHOCOLATE**

FAVORITE TV SHOW: **BOSTON PUBLIC**

BEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE: **MY WEDDING AND THE BIRTHS OF MY CHILDREN**

COMMENT: **THE STUDENTS ON THIS CAMPUS ARE VERY INTERESTING AND I ENJOY HEARING ABOUT THEIR LIFE EXPERIENCES.**

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Commuter Council Update

Congratulations to the raffle winners from our Valentine's Day Breakfast. They received a box of chocolate hearts, a Commuter Council travel mug, and a keychain. I also hope people enjoyed the free candy hearts that were given out at the breakfast.

Our next commuter event will be a Pizza Giveaway on Tuesday, February 27 in the Ely Campus Center from 11:30 to 1:30. We will have plenty of pizza, and the Guitar Dudes will be playing. Stop by and enjoy some free food and great music! We will also be holding another free raffle, so more commuters can win free stuff!

Tip of the Week: Speed can kill, as demonstrated at the Daytona 500. Remember Dale Earnhardt as you speed down life's road.

Colleen Fromm
President, Commuter Council

Activist should be remembered

Although we've all heard about the many accomplishments of Martin Luther King, Jr., we rarely receive any information about other important contributors to the Civil Rights Movement. However, with the increased efforts to bring greater diversity to Westfield State College, it seems a perfect time to introduce Bayard Rustin.

Bayard Rustin was a strategist and an activist in the struggle for human rights for more than 50 years. Rustin is best remembered for helping to organize the 1963 March on Washington. Rustin was also an influential advocate for non-violent protest techniques.

Rustin was very active in many organizations. Not only involved in the March on Washington Movement, he was also active in the NAACP, a director of the Committee Against Discrimination in the Armed Forces, and an advocate for linking the aims of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Movement with the struggle for racial and economic justice.

Despite his many achievements, Rustin was threatened, arrested, beaten and fired from important leadership positions, largely because he was an openly gay, African American man in a homophobic, racist society.

For more information about Bayard Rustin, visit www.rustin.org/biography.html

-Gay Straight Alliance

News Briefs

Even a little noise can irk

Even relatively low levels of noise in the workplace can be stressful to employees, according to a new study.

Gary W. Evans and Dana Johnson of Cornell University and colleagues randomly assigned 40 experienced clerical workers to either quiet office space or space with low levels of noise, such asspeech, for three hours.

The workers in the noisy office experienced significantly higher levels of stress, according to the levels of the stress hormone epinephrine found in their urine.

There was also evidence that the noise affected their performance: The workers in the noisy space made 40 percent fewer attempts to solve an unsolvable puzzle, the researchers reported in the Journal of Applied Psychology.

Surprisingly, the workers in the noisy office were also less likely to do things in their work space to improve the conditions, such as adjust their chairs.

Laughter's Positive Effects

There is more evidence that laughter can have a positive impact on health.

Hajime Kimata of the Unitika Central Hospital in Japan showed two 87-minute videos to 26 people who were allergic to dust mites, cedar pollen or cat dander. One was Charlie Chaplain's classic comedy ``Modern Times" and the other a documentary about the weather. Kimata then tested the subjects and found that they were much less likely to have an allergic reaction after watching the Chaplin video.

``These results suggest that the induction of laughter may play some role in alleviating allergic diseases," Kimata said in a letter published in the Feb. 14 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. ``The exact mechanism of reduction of (allergic) responses remains unknown."

-Compiled by the Washington Post

University president takes on S.A.T.'s

By Kenneth Weiss
Los Angeles Times

The distinguished, white-haired gentleman who wants to scrap the venerable SAT as an admissions requirement has not made bold action the hallmark of his presidency of the University of California system.

Richard C. Atkinson usually proceeds with deliberative caution. He grows quickly uncomfortable at the first stirrings of discord. He works hard at keeping a lid on controversy.

So how did it come to pass that this careful man found himself standing in front of 1,000 college leaders on Sunday, challenging them to break from the decades-old tradition of relying on SAT scores to help pick their freshman class?

``When it's your last job, you are freer to say what you really believe," Atkinson said in a post-speech interview. ``You can stand up for what you think is right."

After a wobbly start to his presidency, in 1995, Atkinson has begun to hit his stride, top educators say. It has come just as be sees the end of his career, as leader of the nation's most prestigious public university.

Atkinson, 71, had planned to announce his retirement this July, informing the regents he would stick around for another year while they line up a successor. But at the urging of California Gov. Gray Davis, he agreed to postpone his plans for at least another year.

Working on borrowed time seems to have emboldened Atkinson's presidency. He spent Monday making the rounds of the morning television talk shows, arguing that the nation's universities can do - and should do - better than the SAT as a college entrance exam.

``It's great to see the leader of the most important public university in the country taking a courageous stand on an enormously complex and controversial national issue," said Barry Munitz, former California State University chancellor and now president of the J. Paul Getty Trust in Los Angeles.

``It's more than refreshing," Munitz said. ``It is significant for someone who has been relatively quiet on complex policy issues."

In part, it's Atkinson's nature to avoid stirring up a commotion. But also, he was publicly humiliated by former California Gov. Pete Wilson and conservative University of California regents early in his tenure when he tried to delay a ban on affirmative action.

More academician than politician, he had failed to clear the idea with the governor before word leaked out about his intentions.

Soon he found himself headed for a showdown that could have cost him his job: a special meeting called by the Board of Regents to review his performance.

The fracas recalled an earlier showdown when former Gov. Ronald Reagan fired former University of California President Clark Kerr, purportedly for being soft on student protesters.

Unlike Kerr, Atkinson survived the incident with letters of apology. Since then, he has ``governed with an attitude of careful conciliation," said Kerr, who is writing a history of the university.

When Wilson returned to the Board of Regents two years later to halt health-care benefits for the partners of gay and lesbian employees, Atkinson remained largely silent despite his support of such domestic-partner benefits. Both the governor and the university president are regents.

Atkinson voted against Wilson, who angrily snapped a pencil in half when he lost by one vote. Atkinson wilted in his chair and cradled his face in his hands.

He appears to have found a new public confidence with the new governor. Atkinson, a kind, scholarly type, was one of the few regents who treated Davis with respect when he was lieutenant governor and a member of the Board of Regents.

In turn, Davis has become one of Atkinson's champions, showering the university with money during budget season but not interjecting the university into controversy.

``Davis has been much less interventionist than Wilson had been," Kerr said. ``That makes it much easier for the president to handle and set his own agenda."

In the past two years, Atkinson has made the university's admission policies a top priority - including the SAT. That's a topic in which he has uncommon expertise.

A cognitive psychologist, he is so widely respected for his research on problems of memory and cognition that he was one of few psychologists ever to be elected into the National Academy of Sciences.

During his career as a professor - three years at the University of California, Los Angeles, and 16 at Stanford - he developed one of the first computer-assisted learning programs for schoolchildren. He co-founded the Computer Curriculum Corp., which he turned into a small fortune when it was bought out by a larger company. He and his wife of 49 years, Rita, a well-regarded psychologist, co-wrote a best-selling psychology textbook.

He spent time as a distinguished visiting scholar at the Educational Testing Service, which administers the SAT for the College Board, and was founding chairman of the National Research Council's Board on Testing and Assessment.

He also spent five years as assistant director and then director of the National Science Foundation (appointed by President Carter), until he became chancellor of the University of California, San Diego, in 1980. After 15 years in San Diego, he was elevated to president of the nine-campus system.

``If I were going to rely on anyone to work out admissions policies and testing, I'd pick Dick Atkinson," said Kerr, an elder statesman of higher education. ``I expect a lot of people to listen to him. He's so bright, and it's his own field of expertise."

When Atkinson decided to take on the SAT, he did not attack it for the usual reasons: the stubbornly persistent racial and gender gaps in average SAT scores. Blacks and Latinos do not do as well, on average, as their white and Asian-American peers. Women, in general, do not score as high as men.

Instead of re-examining any cultural bias, he raised another fairness issue: That the test was designed to measure an ill-defined notion of ``aptitude" for college, instead of measuring what a student has learned in school.

Still, when pushed, he acknowledges that he believes substituting the SAT with another test tied to college-preparatory courses should help - along with other admissions changes - to increase racial diversity on campus.

``We have to convince the public that our admissions policies are indeed fair and there's no barrier for kids who don't have the background to do well on the SAT and yet somehow accomplish great things in high school," he said.

Strong quake again shakes San Salvador

By Slyvia Moreno
Washington Post

SAN SALVADOR - Another powerful earthquake, the third in five weeks, struck this disaster-weary country last Saturday, reportedly killing one person, injuring several others and sending people screaming into the streets.

The government reported that one person died in a hamlet in Cuscatlan province as a result of the quake, which had a magnitude of 5.3. The National Emergency Committee reported that three people were injured in and around the capital here and that the tremor had caused eight ``small" landslides in the mountains in San Salvador and the adjoining province of La Libertad.

The quake was described as ``short but strong" by Oscar Ortiz, mayor of Santa Tecla, just west of here. It rocked the capital city and surrounding areas at 2:24 p.m. Its epicenter was initially reported to he just south of here.

Within hours, several national officials addressed the nation through news conferences, urging calm and assuring the public that no major number of deaths, injuries or significant damage had been reported. They also urged people not to spread rumors.

``Nothing serious has occurred or been reported as of this moment," said Mauricio Ferrer, director of the National Emergency Committee.

His words, however, seemed little comfort to a nation in the throes of panic. ``I saw what happened when it was trembling today; people were running like they were running from a dead person," said Education Minister Evelyn Jacir de Lovo, who was visiting schools and teachers in the hard-hit communities of nearby San Vicente province.

That reaction, she said, and the on-air calls to national radio stations by parents concerned about their children's safety in the classroom, influenced her decision to suspend classes indefinitely.

Schools had been closed on Feb. 13, when a 6.6-magnitude earthquake struck, killing 305 people - including a kindergarten teacher and at least seven children in a parochial school in Candelaria east of here in Cuscatlan province - and injuring more than 3,150. Classes, except in the most devastated provinces of San Vicente, Cuscatlan and La Paz, were to resume Monday.

The school year, scheduled to begin Jan. 15, was postponed until Jan. 22 when a 7.6-magnitude quake struck on Jan. 13, killing 844 people, leaving 1.2 million homeless and destroying almost 100,000 homes. On Tuesday, exactly one month later, the second deadly earthquake occurred.

In the wake of Saturday's temblor, ``we're suspending classes until further notice," de Lovo said at a news conference at the offices of the National Emergency Committee. She said she would direct school administrators to conduct two analyses: a technical study of their buildings and a psychological or emotional study of the parents and their children regarding their readiness to return to school. The school directors would then recommend a date for resumption of classes to the Education Ministry.

``The people are scared. We have to talk with them," she said. ``We have to win their confidence and convince them they have nothing to fear."

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Managing Editor returns fire

"There is more stupidity around than hydrogen and it has a longer shelf life."

-Frank Zappa

A journalist and those involved in journalism tend to catch some heat from groups or individuals from time to time. Some of this criticism is warranted at times. Every once in a while, a jewel pops up that makes you both laugh out loud and discouraged at the same time.

An example of such criticism reared its ugly head in last week's Campus Voice (Issue 16). Jillian McQuade decided to voice her opinion on the Campus Voice's treatment of the Student Government Association and their president, Miss Miranda. While I'm sure that some readers can take the comments for what they are: inaccurate, baseless, and unsound; I feel it necessary to bring a few of these fallacies to light.

The first of many mistakes made would be the statement Miss McQuade made about the Editor in Chief of the Campus Voice. She wrote, "I believe that the attacks that you are constantly making on our [SGA] and Miss Miranda are uncalled for." On only two occasions last semester did the editor question actions or people within SGA. How can these attacks be constant? Can Miss McQuade show anyone any other examples? If so, I would really like to see them.

This careless error really pales in comparison to your ridiculous thoughts on the function of SGA, the function of the Campus Voice, the faculty contracts, and student opinion on this campus.

The Student Government Association exists to serve as a medium between students and organizations, administrators, etc. The responsibility of an SGA member is to hear the opinions or concerns of students, no matter how large or small the group and no matter how popular or unpopular the idea. Of course, this is all ideal. But, if this simple task cannot be done, then we don't have a representative government. Is this the idea SGA would like their constituents to have?

Miss McQuade feels that SGA should have the written permission of every student to take a stand on the teacher contract negotiations. Therefore, it is safe to assume that SGA conducts its weekly meetings with the written permission of every student when discussing issues such as the arming of police on campus, Spring Weekend, housing, and other such student concerns? When these issues are discussed, senators voice opinions and concerns, at times taking stands against certain issues. So is Miss McQuade saying that SGA normally conducts its business with the written permission of every student? Is that what was being implied here?

Miss McQuade says that she believes SGA is in place to represent the entire student body, not the interests of a few. I wish I could believe that, but Miss McQuade openly contradicts herself. Apparently, she did not witness the rallies held on campus in which hundreds of students attended in support of the faculty. Remember, this was at Westfield State College, the place where it is considered a miracle if you can gather more than 30 students for something that does not involve a band or free food. She apparently did not witness the meeting last semester at which both faculty and students came together to discuss the issue of teacher contracts. But when only two SGA members attended, you must figure the chances were slim.

The unfortunate fact is that the students on campus do not have the SGA to voice their opinions regarding the teacher contracts. I highly doubt SGA members are out seeking the opinions of students regarding the issue. The issue is somewhat taboo in SGA meetings as a sort of gag order is set when someone attempts to discuss the issue. I have witnessed this silencing first hand. Perhaps if students did not have to ask permission to be heard at SGA meetings, because as Miss McQuade says, we are all adults, then maybe SGA would understand that the negotiation IS a student issue.

Miss McQuade should also note that the Campus Voice prints numerous articles and advertisements, free of charge, for SGA. It should be made clear that SGA does channel funds, but the Campus Voice receives its funding from the students, with SGA acting as a middleman. I believe that the paper is here to, among other things, act as a medium to question leaders, tyrants, bureaucrats, and senators on this campus.

The Campus Voice is willing to print anything submitted, barring space. Case in point: Miss McQuade's letter. The Campus Voice is not here to push SGA propaganda.

Miss McQuade's closure of her letter brings about a number of questions. She put forth an effort to make sense of supporting SGA, then out of nowhere came the statement, "We are not currently arming our campus with guns just because seven other state schools in Massachusetts are." I don't think I was the only person asking "What?" Where does the issue of arming the police on campus, not the campus by the way, fit into Miss McQuade's argument?

If Miss McQuade was attempting to make the point that SGA should be commended for not following the examples of others, she is absolutely wrong. SGA has nothing to do with determining the arming of campus police. Some may think so, but the decision has already been made. All of the forums and opinion polls were simply litmus tests to get a feel for the issue on campus and determine how much propaganda is needed to make the arming of campus police acceptable.

As Managing Editor of the Campus Voice, I see and hear ludicrous criticism like this occasionally. But it never gets any easier to read.

-Gray Wanzer
Managing Editor

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Have you ever felt guilty for all the material possessions that you have? Have you ever been suddenly felt ashamed for spending the night in a warm bed? Have you felt it was unfair that you have been presented with so many opportunities?

A few nights ago, as I was preparing to leave my friend's apartment, I made the offhanded remark that I might well freeze to death halfway across the campus green. The icy wind that night was particularly cutting, and I certainly wasn't looking forward to the walk back to Davis Hall.

As I walked, shivering and grumbling, I found a small measure of comfort in the fact that my new coat was indeed keeping out some of the wind and cold. And suddenly, a very sobering thought struck me. I couldn't help but wonder how many people in Springfield, just a few miles down the road, actually would die on the streets that night, because they didn't have a warm new coat. I wondered how many, unnoticed by any of us, would freeze to death because they didn't have a dorm room to retreat to. And suddenly, I felt really sick that I had been complaining.

Wanna get really disgusted with humanity? Well, try this. Go serve at a soup kitchen. Donate an hour or two of your time handing out food to people who are mostly unconcerned with material wealth. People who spend far more time trying to find food for their family, or who just want to keep their child warm that night. Go spend a couple hours with them. Then, as soon as you're done, run to your local mall. And just watch people. It's amazing to see your peers bustling around with bags in each hand, chatting away on their cell phones, or charging yet another pair of jeans, when just an hour ago, a homeless man was thanking you for giving him a little extra mashed potato. I'm not saying that these people are selfish. I'm sure people could say many of the same things about me. It's just that it's so easy to get caught up in our own daily lives that we forget that some people have bigger problems than not getting in the bio class you want, or having to walk a whole ten minutes to get to 333.

We all have to realize that if we're going to live as a part of this society, we have to start noticing and caring about the things that go on around us. I often hear that people will start caring when they are out of college, and in the "real world." Well, this IS the real world. People are starving, freezing, and dying all around us every day. That seems pretty damn real to me. Even as I write this, we students are being presented with two opportunities to make a difference in the world.

The Red Cross comes to our campus twice a semester to collect blood, and every time that I have gone, the room is nearly empty. The excuse I hear time and again is a fear of needles. OK, I can accept that. But you know what else is scary? Getting a phone call in the middle of the night, hearing that a loved one is in the hospital after a car accident. Knowing that the hospital, like so many others across the country, is short on the type of blood needed to save their life. If you've donated before, thank you, and please continue to do so. If not, here's your chance. One donation can potentially save four lives, and the procedure takes all of twenty minutes. And if you absolutely, positively cannot get over your fear, then encourage someone else to donate, and go with them for support.

The other opportunity is much closer to home. The home of one of our Public Safety officers recently burned down, leaving eight people, four of whom were under the age of ten, without shelter or clothes. For those of you who haven't met Roger Williams, I can tell you that he is truly one of the nicest guys on this campus. He's always smiling and laughing, and has opened his heart and home to several foster children. If you read the flyers around campus, you'll learn that you can make any number of donations to Roger and his family, including clothing, toiletries, or money. Encourage people in your section to get involved in this. Talk to your RA about having a clothing drive. Anything will be appreciated.

I, like everyone, sometimes feel sorry for myself. I bemoan that I'll be here for an extra year, that I don't have enough cash to order that Papa John's, or that I've spent twenty-two consecutive Valentine's Days by myself (actually, that's more humorous than disheartening). But then I look around and realize that my life isn't all that bad. I have a loving family, I hang out with great friends, I'm able to pay my bills, and I know that I'll have a roof over my head, and a few decent meals at the DC.

A lot of people, more than we can comprehend, don't have this same peace of mind. It's time we all realized how lucky most of us are, and start realizing what's really important.

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Don't Call Me Baby

KATHERINE MANNING

"Before you finish reading this, at least six females will have been raped somewhere in the U.S."

I was a bit bored this three-day weekend, so I took it upon myself to do a little research on the web regarding that cringe-causing topic, but relevant nonetheless for a college campus. The issue of which I speak of is, of course, rape. What I found wasn't exactly positive or encouraging facts. Most statistics show a slow and steady increase of the act, particularly date rape cases, on college campuses.

The statistic you see above is generally an accurate one, as one female is estimated to be raped every two minutes in the United States. Unless you speed read this article, my math should be about right. I would also urge you to keep in mind that only 31 percent of rapes are reported to law enforcement officials, which is only one out of three women. It could be happening on this very campus right now. So many cases that are reported take place on college campuses on weekends, especially when 45 percent of rapists were under the influence of alcohol in 1996. Alcohol consumption, as so many of you are aware, has not decreased in prevalence since then, especially on college campuses, despite political efforts attempting otherwise.

Some may call into question why such a small percentage of rape cases are reported, but when you combine the fact with most rapes being committed by someone the person is acquainted with, I suppose this correlation would fall into place. 28 percent of these "acquaintances" are husbands or boyfriends of the victim, and therefore are immediately rejected by officials. Some might hope that this fact would soften the aftermath of such a trauma, but it is still 75 percent of these victims that require medical attention after the attack, with 40 percent of these sustaining serious injury of one sort or another.

I myself know a few people who I have attended school with throughout the years that have been raped, and if anyone dares read the police reports, they are sometimes reported to public safety and printed for all to read it in The Campus Voice.

Yet, not much changes. As I have said, it is still going on as we speak. Some account it to being a by-product of our culture, since we live in a society that glorifies violence. One might assume that the "Women's Movement" in the sixties and seventies would slow this process, but even this hasn't hindered the act of violence towards women. Some go as far to speculate that the irony of opposites here is actually a reaction to the Women's Movement, since the underlying hopes of it were to grant women the right to control their own body.

Who knows what exactly fuels the fire when the doors are closed. But I believe that the more informed and educated we are about this and its continuance, the closer we might be to at least slowing the occurrences down, since rape has always been around. There is some support out there, however, if you know, and I'm sure you do, anyone who is in need of it. There are websites, such as one partially constructed by artist and victim Tori Amos, "RAINN," which can be reached at http://feminist.com/rainn.com. Websites such as these are both educational and supportive in nature towards victims. This particular one also lists a support line 1-800-656-HOPE. Regardless of which site you find, there is help out there for everyone, and believe it or not, a little positivity on the "World Wide Web" of hatred.

K. Manning is a Voice Columnist

A Day in the Life

ANGELA LAPIERRE

This is the true story... of seven strangers... picked to live in a house... and have their lives taped... to find out what happens... when people stop being polite... and start getting real... the Real World...

Those words are probably ones that most of us know and love. An MTV phenomenon since 1991, the Real World has brought the very private lives of average people into our homes. I know that personally, I have watched every episode at least ten times, so it's likely that I know the ins and outs of what happens in the Real World house.

Although I consider myself a Real World expert of sorts, there's still one question I want answered. Is the Real World really REAL? I'm guessing that the majority of you reading this are probably shaking your heads no. Even I'm pretty skeptical about the validity of the show. But I've been taught to look at both sides of the story, so I've done an undercover expose of the Real World. And here's what I found out...

I first looked at the profiles of the different cast members. All of them are basic, run-of-the-mill people with everyday jobs, not a gaggle of supermodels plucked off the runway. Oh, wait a minute...wasn't Jacinda from the London cast a runway model? And wasn't Dan from the Miami cast "discovered" while he was on the show? Ouch. Minus one for the Real World.

Then I asked myself whether the Real World featured an accurate cross-section of America (and England). Well, there are a variety of different races and ethnic backgrounds represented in each cast. From African-American to Hawaiian, the Real World has covered them all. Plus one for the Real World. Also, the casting directors have taken into consideration that roughly ten percent of the population is part of the homosexual community. Thus, they have cast a range of gays and lesbians for the houses. Another plus one for the Real World.

However, I'm not too sure that the majority of the general population is filled with aspiring musicians/actors/comedians/models. Take a look at Real World 2, Los Angeles. We had Jon the country singer, Glen and his grunge band Perch, David the comedian, Beth S. the actress, and Aaron the beefcake calendar centerfold. (At least he was going to business school...) Minus one for the Real World.

On a positive note, there were cast members that actually tried to make a difference in the world. Tami from L.A. volunteered for an HIV/AIDS hotline. Pam from San Francisco was a medical student. Justin from Hawaii was a law student pursuing a career in civil law and a gay rights activist. And nobody could forget Pam's castmate, Pedro, who worked tirelessly to educate people about AIDS all the way until his untimely death. These people are few and far between, but at least there are some of them.

Then again there were also cast members who just plain sucked. There was Montana from Boston who loved to pick a fight with anyone and who cheated on her boyfriend from home. Yep, she's truly a class act. How about Amaya from Hawaii who complained 24/7, and had Colin wrapped around her little finger? Purely nauseating. And who could help but love David from New Orleans, who was too busy trying to make "C'mon Be My Baby Tonight" a hit single to even care about the TV show his housemates were working on. But my personal favorite has to be Stephen from Seattle and his "slap heard 'round the world."

All in all, I guess the validity of the Real World is still up in the air. I'm still convinced that it's fake, but at least it's good clean fun for the whole family, right? Odds are looking good that I won't be watching the next Real World cast because I'm way too busy trying to make it in the REAL WORLD where I have REAL problems and have to pay REAL bills to even care about observing people in a fictitious world.

Stay tuned next week where I'll analyze children's TV shows. Trust me, it's not just Ernie and Bert anymore.

A. LaPierre is a Voice Columnist

Doors cover album fails to meet expectations

By Andrew Jennings
Voice Reporter

In January of 1967, four individuals, each with their own musically-inhibited talents, would combine to create a record that would change the way music would be heard: *The Doors*. This album would produce numerous hits still well known today, such as "Light My Fire," "Break On Through," "Soul Kitchen," and the 11-minute, 41-second "The End."

The Doors would release seven more albums between October of 1967 and April of 1971. Even after Jim Morrison's death on July 3, 1971, remaining members Manzarek, Krieger, and Densmore would continue to collaborate together creating more music.

Now the year is 2001 and *The Doors'* music still lives on. In late 2000, *The Doors* had a special on VH1 playing some of their landmark songs. With replacements for Jim Morrison, such as *Creed*'s Scott Stapp, *Stone Temple Pilots'* Scott Weiland, and *Days Of The New*'s Travis Weeks, the group managed to bring back the unforgettable sound that made *The Doors* a remarkable band.

Also in 2000, Elektra Records released *Stoned Immaculate*, a 17-song collaboration that features *Creed, Stone Temple Pilots, Days of The New*, as well as *Aerosmith, Smash Mouth, Bo Diddley*, and *Train*. Without Jim Morrison behind the microphone, Stoned Immaculate is not necessarily a terrible album, but not great either.

The Doors' *Stoned Immacualte* was released late last year. -File Photo

The album does carry its strong points. *Creed*'s cover of "Riders On The Storm" is incredible. Lasting over six minutes, I feel that *Creed*'s cover contains a good amount of the intensity that *The Doors* gave the original version. Stapp's passionate voice only contributes to the strength of "Riders On The Storm."

I also feel that *Days Of The New*'s cover of "The End" is an excellent finale to *Stoned Immaculate* and one of the best songs on the album. Clocking in at about 13 1/2 minutes, the cover version of "The End" is almost as good as *The Doors'* original.

While *Stoned Immaculate* does have its great songs, it is a cover album. Unfortunately, some of the songs covered on this album should have been left alone. "L. A. Woman," covered by *Days of The New*, in my opinion, is a disgrace. Unlike "The End," which *Days Of The New* added a few minutes to the song, the band condensed the original version of "L. A. Woman" from its original seven minutes to only 3 1/2. By condensing the song, *Days Of The New* deleted the instrumentals, speeding up a song that was originally slow paced.

Train's version of "Light My Fire" is also a disappointment. For example, the beginning of the song doesn't have the sound of the original "Light My Fire."

While *Stoned Immaculate* does have its other good covers, such as *Smash Mouth*'s "Peace Frog" and *Oleander*'s version of "Hello I Love You," I regret paying $17 for the CD. I am a true *Doors* fan and *Stoned Immaculate* does not please me.

In short, if you really want to hear a great *Doors* album, listen to *Absolutely Live* or their Greatest Hits album. These albums contain what *The Doors* sounded like together.

Pianist Henry gives breathtaking show

By Laura Gibson & Peter Costas
Voice Reporters

I was delighted to be able to go to the Guest Lecture Series Love and Storm: The Story of Chopin and Sand on February 14 in Dever Auditorium. This story was told by Yves Henry, a French pianist. I found the setting to be intimate, as Henry lit two candles on the grand piano. He performed twelve different pieces composed by Frederic Chopin (1810-1849) and gave background information in between performed pieces on Chopin's life, which included George Sand, his female love. We learned that Sand would often dress like a man and smoke cigars. We had the chance to see different overhead pictures of Chopin's life, and Sand's life as well. We also listened to different letters and poems that were written by both Chopin and Sand, both in French.

I liked the fact that this concert was not just someone performing pieces. The audience was able to learn about Chopin's life and the history that went behind the composed pieces as well.

Yves Henry was just awesome! I was in awe watching him perform Chopin's compositions. His posture as he sat at the piano was perfect. The way he placed his hands on the piano keys looked so professional. I was quite amazed at how he would sit at the piano after giving background information on Chopin, and then quickly start playing. Henry was a child prodigy himself, performing Beehtoven's Concerto No. 1 at Salle Pleyel for Radio France at age 11. Henry has won many international competitions and has toured the world doing musical interpretations.

What I found most astonishing was how Henry was able to play so softly. In several of the pieces there were soft running scales up and down the piano, and not one note was misheard in the scale. He used such soft gentle fingertips when playing these scales and arpeggios. The pieces that I picked up on that exhibited these "soft gentle fingertips" are Fantaisie-impromptu op. 66, Mazurka op. 33 no. 4, Prelude op. 28 no. 3, and Prelude op. 28 no. 15. According to Henry, this talent takes time to develop; it does not just happen overnight.

I really did not care for Henry's interpretation of his first piece, Valse op. 69 no. 2. I found the waltz played all on one level, but I was impressed by the way he ended this piece, as the sound died away.

Henry's second piece, Polonaise op. 26 no. 2, was very well played. I feel that Henry's use of dynamics and precision of arpeggios made it especially impressive. This polonaise began softly and gradually got louder and more dramatic. This piece had a very soft unexpected ending.

In Henry's third piece, Fantaisie-impromtu op. 66, he showed off his amazing accuracy of scales. They were very fast, and faintly played. I did however feel that behind all the running scales being played he could have brought out the other notes being played in the left hand, and once again, he ended beautifully with a slow rolled chord.

In his fourth piece, Nocturne (night music) op. 32 no. 1, Henry's left hand was very soft, while bringing out the melody. This piece was on the slower side. After the trill it did become more dramatic at the end. I enjoyed Chopin's choice of notes at the end of the piece. I would call it "an obscure ending." Henry performed it very well.

I really liked the creepy left hand part in Henry's eighth piece, Prelude op. 28 no. 4. This too was another short piece. When I heard the left hand, I associated crawling with it. Henry portrayed a creepy sound, in my mind. It was very cool.

He also performed Barcarolle op. 60. I liked Henry's firm beginning. He later continued with solo left-hand work. He then added in the right hand. I liked how the right hand complimented the left hand in this specific piece.

Henry ended the program with a Mazurka, op. 68 no. 4. This was Chopin's last work. This piece was very soft, and gentle. It was a pretty ending to a great lecture performance.

Thank you Dr. Long and the Departments of Music and Foreign Languages and Literatures for arranging for Yves Henry to make a stop here at Westfield State College. His performance was breathtaking, just remarkable. I hope everyone enjoyed the performance as much as I did.

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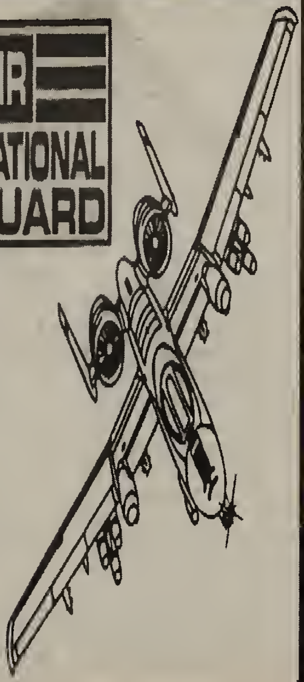

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Corporate Girls 4–0
Hooters 3–1
Wild Things 1–3
Sugar + Spice 1–4

Men

90–10 2–0–1
Fubar 2–1
244 2–1–1
Supermen 2–2
Deep Not Wide 1–4
United Forces 1–2 (Out of League)

4–4 Basketball

Division I

Supermen 6–0
Wildcats 6–0
3 B's 5–1
Bad Boys 4–1
Knicks 2–3
16th men 3–3
Handy Chickens 2–3–1
Blue 3–5
Bigger than You 1–4
Enforcers 1–4
T & A 1–4
UE2G 0–5–1

Division II

House of Pain 5–0
Airball 5–1
The Po Po 2–2
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Men's Basketball Rallies To Defeat Framingham

WESTFIELD - After trailing 23-13 at halftime, Westfield State finished with a 14-2 scoring spurt in the final five minutes of the game to rally for a thrilling 50-44 victory over Framingham State in the Mass. State Conference tournament opening round last Tuesday before an overflow crowd in the Owl Dome.

The Owls, seeded fourth and 14-10 overall, played top seeded Salem State in the semifinals last Friday at Salem State.

Westfield took its first lead, 45-44, since midway through the first half when sophomore guard Patrick Luckett (Springfield Central) canned two free throws with 2:02 remaining.

After a missed Framingham shot in the paint, the Owls got a breakaway layup from Kris Kachelmeyer (Bernardston) for a 47-44 with 35 seconds left. Framingham then turned over the ball with 18.1 seconds remaining, and the Owls sealed the victory on a reverse layup by Kurt Huggins at the 11-second mark.

The Owls came out cold on their homecourt, shooting only 19 percent (5 of 27) in the first half. Westfield scored the game's first field goal with 12:25 left in the first half, and the Owls led 7-4 with 10:48 remaining before Framingham went on an 11-0 run.

Luckett led Westfield's balanced attack with 13 points. Junior forward Bryant James had 10 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Kachelmeyer finished with 10 points. Huggins had nine points and eight boards.

Senior forward Khele Sparks (Brattleboro, Vt.) sparked Westfield's comeback with his second-half defense (seven rebounds, three steals, two blocks). Also, he held Jason Lane - the conference's leading scorer - to eight points.

Guard Jason Robbins (Marlboro) led Framingham with 15 points.

Framingham, which has the lowest defensive scoring average in the conference, finished its season with an 11-13 record, including three losses to Westfield State.

Conference tournament records were set for lowest scoring game (94 points) and fewest points scored by a team.

WESTFIELD STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM: First row, left to right: Khele Sparks, Patrick Luckett, Adam Cobb, Kurt Huggins, Kris Kachelmeyer, Jon Mazzone, Chris Caputo, Ethan Slavin. Second row: Bryant James, Darien Galloway, Jeroy Smith, Vaso Jeukovic, Ryan Ree, Aboubacar Gassama, Phil Conners, coach Rich Sutter.
Photo By Mickey Curtis

Chapdelaine's Late Heroics Lift Owls To Playoff Victory

WESTFIELD - Senior forward Monique Chapdelaine (Sturbridge) made a driving layup with five seconds remaining to rally Westfield State College to a thrilling 57-55 victory over Fitchburg State in the opening round of the Mass. State Conference postseason basketball tournament.

The Owls, 16-8 and seeded third, played Framingham State in the semifinals, scheduled for Salem State last Thursday. Fitchburg, seeded sixth, finished its season 8-17.

Chapdelaine also hit a baseline shot to give the Owls a 55-53 lead with 1:51 remaining. Fitchburg tied the score at the 1:27 mark on a bucket by Theresa Scavone, who came off the bench to spark the Falcons with 11 second-half points.

Scavone, however, missed a layup with 12 seconds remaining. In a mad scramble for the loose ball, Westfield's Melissa Cote grabbed the rebound and fired and outlet pass to Jamie Vielmetti, who then whipped one of her game-high six assists to Chapdelaine for the game-winning breakaway bucket. Westfield's A.J. LaBelle stole the ensuing inbounds pass to preserve the victory.

In a game of runs, Fitchburg took advantage of poor Westfield shooting (the Owls made 2 of their first 17 shots) to take a 17-8 lead. The Owls then went on a 13-0 run for a 21-18 advantage, but they trailed at halftime, 28-26.

Westfield had a 7-0 run early in the second half that led to a 39-30 lead; but sparked by Scavone, the Falcons went on an 11-0 scoring spree for a 41-39 advantage with 12:08 remaining. Fitchburg led for most of the final 12 minutes before Chapdelaine's last-minute heroics.

Cote - a sophomore center from Feeding Hills - posted game-highs of 14 points and 14 rebounds. Chapdelaine tallied 12 points and a game-high five steals. Junior guard Michaela Blaney (North Andover) scored 11 points, while LaBelle added 10 points and six rebounds in the balanced attack.

The Owls only shot 30 percent from the field as their top two scorers this season - Vielmetti and LaBelle - were a combined 4 for 25. Free throw shooting was a major factor in the game's outcome. Westfield was 21 for 29 from the foul line, Fitchburg only 2 of 4.

Freshman center Meredith Cirpriani (Wilmington) racked up 18 points and 14 boards for the Falcons, who shot 39 percent from the field but committed 28 turnovers, including 20 in the first half. Freshman guard Jamie Morgan (Danvers) scored 12 points.

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WESTFIELD STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM: First row, left to right: Brenda Knott, Michaela Blaney, Monique Chapdelaine, Jamie Vielmetti, Michelle Chapdelaine, A.J. LaBelle, Alyssa Tedesco. Second row: Michelle Medina, Shannon Dunlevey, Nicole Sealander, Tara Minishak, Melissa Cote, Abbey Leftond, Lindsey Colemen, Leslie Cooke, Tricia Pendergast, coach Kristen Schmaelzle.
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New England Division III Track Results

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Wheaton College 199; 2. Williams 134; 3. Tutts 58; 21. Westfield 4.

Westfield's Top Finishers:
6th place: Jess Silve, 400, 1:01.39.
8th place: Meaghan Bethony, 55 hurdles, 9.30.
10th place: 4 x 400 Reley, 4:20.14.
15th plece: Aimee Worcester, 800, 2:35.44; 4 x 800 Relay, 10:52.07.
16th plece: Lis Collins, shot put, 32-7.75.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Williams 121; 2. MIT 111; 3. Springfield 65; 20. Westfield 4.

Westfield's Top Finishers:
4th place: Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.82.
7th place: Stanley Peu, shot put, 13.48 meters.
8th place: Josh Lewbel, long jump, 6.25 meters.
9th place: 4 x 800 reley, 8:16.91.
10th place: Mike Neely, 55 hurdles, 8.06.
11th place: Tom Gilbert, weight throw, 13.36 meters.
12th place: 4 x 400 relay, 3:32.99.
15th place: Distance Medley, 11:32.94.

Congratulations Dana !

Freshman swimmer Dana LedDuke, center, is congratulated by Katie Abare, left, end Erin Flynn after setting a new school record in the 50 butterfly (28.77) in a home meet vs. Smith College. LedDuke also was Westfield State's top performer in the New England Swimming and Diving Championships Feb. 17 at Bentley College. LedDuke placed fourth in the 50 butterfly, sixth in the 100 individual medley, and eighth in the 100 butterfly. Westfield Stete finished 11th in the 17-team field with 239 points. Keene Stete won the team championship.
Photo By Mickey Curtis

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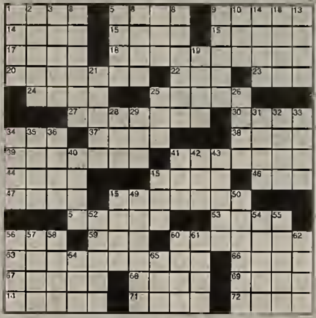

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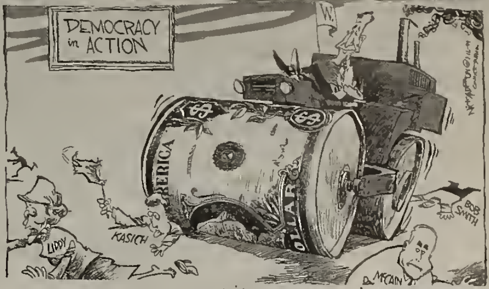

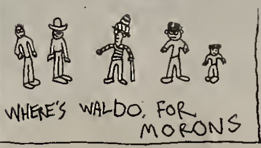

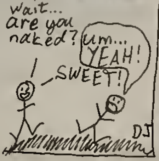
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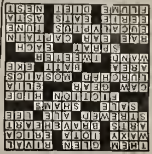

Personals

Happy B-day Karen! We love you! Love, Jenet, Jen, & Erica

Caimey is so lonely he has a picture of his right hand in his wallet.

Renee, Let me be your hometown hero. -Roti

I love Chris Ward's articles. They make great poop liner for my parakeet's bird cage!

Megasauras, please let me be your Domasauras...I really, really like you.

Bartellini is hung like a fieldmouse.

Laurie not only are you one of the hot ones, you're one of the great ones, the only one for me, Love Mike

Vote Pelkey 4 Mr.Courtney

Pornofreak, please open my box. My heart shaped box.

Blanche and Sousa are the biggest Ricki Martin fans on campus.

I just found out that all the boys in A213 have a thing for my mom.

Perris would you like a peppermint patty or a patty melt? Your loving neighbor, Tricia

This room smells of skunk...Jed, why the hell did you have to bring your skunk along with you?

Cyclone Jay has been playing many love songs on his radio show...I wonder what is going on in that room.

Steve and I are going to amateur night this Thursday at Mardi Gras in East Windsor, CT....come join us.

Everyone should buy the new No Intention cd...it kicks bum.

Summer St. isn't big enough for Mike M's head.

MK2K RULEZ!

Every boyfriend should buy their girlfriends flowers...it's the nice thing to do.

Kevin...you are so good to your woman.

WANTED: A tarot card reader for a Mardi Gras party building event in Scanlon...call x7243

Hey Luke, your girlfriend's all mine, Happy valentine's day bigger than you, Dave B.

2 of the bird brains down, Heather and Chantel, you're next. Love Chuck

POOP POOP POOP....arhg, not again.

I'm hungry....I want my ice cream.

The human head weighs 8lbs.

Kristi F. is my hero. I hope she really likes my drawings of monkies eating mangos instead of bananas.

Holy Dion!

So now all of the sudden it seems as though racqetball is the cool sport....maybe they should make that a varsity sport as well.

Some of my favorite quotes came from 80's movies.

I wish I had a dollar for everytime my roommate stumbled in drunk.

Steve's Room!!

I don't care whether your playing golf or f&*$ing.

Courtney is such a babe.

My pants are falling off and I can see my undearwear, I need some ice cream.

Stupid balls.

Watch out for the venom wearing denom in the Lammers bathrooms.

Jenn, your butt was showing Friday.

Two teenagers in love.

I could be a WSC prof. I can put movies in a VCR!!

Spring Weekend is going to be sweet!!

I love donuts from Portugal, they're almost as good as the sweet rolls.

You've got some fine moves baby, I wish you'd come and dance me away.

Reggie you got shot, you got shot, you got shot.

Jelly donut!!!

You had brown curly hair, a green sweater on and were carrying a black bag. Our eyes met, I must meet you.

Meg is one rightous babe!

Beware of the wrath of Dion.

Joro wins, but Roro was pretty close. Lets keep the beer on the table next time.

I wonder if U-Mass is diverse as WSC. I love being sarcastic.

Smokers, please put your cigarette butts in those ashtrays outside the buildings, this campus looks terrible thanks to you.

Romet the seal strikes again.

I wish I could go back to Indiana to see the love of my life.

I lost my hat and I've got rocks in my head and nothing's gonna keep them warm.

I happen to like the caf.

El Barto rules!

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

N.Y. City Trip

Be an audience member on the Late Show with David Letterman

March 28th.
Approximate cost $25-$30

Interested?

Call Meg Canning #7911 or Mike Steuterman #564-0756

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 2/26	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office
	8:00 p.m.	Monday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Autumn in New York" and "Beautiful Girls"	Channels 56&57
Tue 2/27	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"	Ely Studio Theater
	7:00 p.m.	Lecture/Video w/Dr. Crump "Democracy in a Different Voice"	3rd World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Dinosaur" and "Disney's The Kid"	Channels 56&57
Wed 2/28	3:30 p.m.	Saxophone and Clarinet Students	Dever Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Men's Forum	Scanlon Living Room
	4:30 p.m.	Outing Club Ski Trip to Jiminy Peak	($16)Call Jess at x7897
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"	Ely Studio Theater
	7:00 p.m.	Lecture/Video w/ Dr. Pickron, Michael Eric Dyson, "The Politics of Gangsta Rap"	3rd World Room
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Ely 232
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "A Time to Kill" and "Bring it On"	Channels 56&57
Thur 3/1	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:00 p.m.	Musical: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"	Ely Studio Theater
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Ely 130
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Bait" and "Bless the Child"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Karaoke Night	Ely Main Lounge
Fri 3/2	7:00 p.m.	Musical: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"	Ely Studio Theater
	8:00 p.m.	Talent Night at the Loft	3rd World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Disappearing Acts" and "Exorcist 2000"	Channels 56&57
Sat 3/3	12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.	Robert Rogers Puppets "Ali Baba & The Forty Thieves"	($$)Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Disappearing Acts" and "Exorcist 2000"	Channels 56&57
Sun 3/4	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	2:00 p.m.	Musical: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"	Ely Studio Theater
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Disappearing Acts" and "Exorcist 2000"	Channels 56&57

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

As Sgt. Joe Friday used to say--"Just the plain fax ma'am." A public fax machine has been installed in the Ely Campus Center main lounge. Instructions are easy to follow. Prices are outlined for each usage.

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

At your service.........

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Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Spring ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $5

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Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p Fri 8a-5p
Sat 1p-6p & Sun 1p-9p

Health Services

(Nurse on duty) Sun 4p-12a, M-Th 8a-12a, F 8a-4p, Sat 12p-5p
(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

Bookstore

M-Th 8:30a-5p Fri. 8:30a-4p
Sat. 11a-3p Sun. Closed

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p x5500 pool info

Subway

Mon-Fri 8a-11p Sat 12p-11p
Sun 1p-11p

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Noble's services questioned

By Kay Saltmarsh
Voice Staff

After days of suffering severe back pain and numbness in her hands, Carmella Rossomando, a senior at Westfield State College (WSC), went to Noble hospital two times in four days.

"The first time I went to the hospital, the doctors gave me painkillers and muscle-relaxers and told me to go home and put ice and heat on my back," Rossomando said. "The second time I went, the nurse told me that ice was bad to use and that I should be using heat."

The medication that was prescribed to her made her feel very drowsy and sick, she said. The doctors did not inform her of the side-effects of the medication she was taking, Rossomando said.

She said she was also

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Dickinson suites to be dismantled

"I feel that students should have been consulted about it."
-Junior Jonathan Elwell, former Dickinson Hall President

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Students of the Dickinson B-4 suite watching TV in their common room, which will be eliminated to ease the housing crunch next fall. From left, Emily German, Mike Assad, Brian Gay, Jason Gromyko.

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

Suites in Dickinson Hall and squatting privileges in certain rooms in residence halls around campus, due to the changing status of many rooms, are being eliminated for the fall semester 2001, according to the Director of Residential Life Jon Coologue.

"The suite changes were made due to our high demand for on campus housing," Conlogue said. "We felt it was no longer justifiable to take up 20 beds as suite living-rooms when we had other students living in lounges and other temporary spaces."

Some students disagree with this decision. Jonathan Elwell, the former President of Dickinson Hall Council, said that it is not worth eliminating the suites for only 20 spaces for more people. "You may get 20 more people in there...but you'll get more people upset over this than it's worth," Elwell said.

Elwell said he felt Residential Life kept the fact that they were going to get rid of the suites under wraps at

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'Battle' to search for Spring Weekend 2001 performers

By Adrienne Lamplough
Voice Reporter

An exciting display of the various talented and gifted students at Westfield State College (WSC) can be seen on March 27 and 28 at the annual Battle of the Talents in Ely Main Lounge said Maggie Smith, Vice President of Programming for the Student Government Association.

Battle of the Talents is an opportunity for groups to compete to win the spot of opening performance at Spring Weekend. According to Smith, each group must have at least one member that attends WSC. This new rule will clear up any controversy that may have occurred with last year's contest she said.

"The contest is called Battle of the Talents so that all of Westfield's talents can be a part of it. Using the word, talents, opens the contest up to acoustic performances, a cappella singers, dancers, comedians, etc.," said Smith.

A few of the judging categories are: professionalism, crowd-appeal and possibly musical accuracy. The four class presidents (Jocelyn Gregory '01, Meg Canning '02, Jenn Prior '03, and Chirstopher Burke '04) have been asked to be judges, but other judges are still in consideration and will be announced at a later date, according to Smith.

"We are in the process of considering originality for one of the judging categories for this year's contest," said Smith. "I'd also like to stress how important it is to support the contest Battle of the Talents during the performances on March 27 and 28 because crowd appeal is one of the judging categories for the contest."

-Photo by RJ Burgess III

Junior Jed Dion, of No Intention, will perform at the "Battle."

The reward for 1st place winner at Battle of the Talents will be $ 300 and a spot as opening group on the Saturday of this year's Spring Weekend. 2nd place will receive $ 200 and 3rd place will receive $ 100 and a

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WSC up for reaccreditation

By Kelley McVeigh
Special To The Voice

The process of accreditation has begun at Westfield State College (WSC), after a year wait because of the lack of faculty involvement due to contract negotiations, with the preparation of the self-study document and committee forums according to James Carabetta, New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Self-Study Coordinator in a statement to The Campus Voice.

The decennial reaccreditation process begins with a self-study, done by six committees, to depict WSC's strengths and weaknesses, and then the study is given to NEASC before they literally come to campus to assess the college. Among other things, accreditation serves to ensure that the college is following their mission statement.

According to William H. Lopes, Senior Vice-President of Academic Affairs and chair of the faculty standard, the faculty contract disputes have been a setback in the process, but he does not think that they will affect the outcome.

"I'm positive that we will get a positive accreditation," said Lopes. "Faculty contract disputes are a weakness, but it won't stand in the way of the college being accredited."

If WSC doesn't get accredited, the degrees that students are currently working towards will be less valuable.

"This school is in much bigger trouble in the way that the faculty have been devastated from a contract then it is from accreditation," said Julian Fleron, Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

The self-study process will show all of WSC's good points and bad points.

"We need to write a straightforward report which notices the warts and the beauty marks of an institution," said Lopes. "Like each of us, an institution is a work in progress."

NEASC is a regional accrediting body and believes in peer accreditation. People already in the field assess other colleges and judge them on eleven different standards.

The eleven standards consist of mission and purposes, planning and evaluation, organization and governance, programs and instruction, faculty, student services, library and information resources, physical resources, public disclosure and integrity.

WSC was due for accreditation in 2001, but President Frederick Woodward asked for an extension because of the lack of faculty

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SGA addresses self-study

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is in the process of deciding if Westfield State College meets the specific standards that it needs to receive reaccreditation, said Professor Jim Carabetta, NEASC member at the Student Government Association (SGA) meeting last Tuesday.

"This is very important. It only happens every ten years. However, in this case, due to contract negotiations, once every eleven years," said Carabetta.

The NEASC will be holding open forums to the campus community according to Carabetta. Mandy Miranda, President of SGA, and Carabetta stressed the importance of this accreditation process and urged students to become involved.

Accreditation is the process by which schools are looked at in depth by NEASC and it is determined if they are meeting their mission statement. This process involves a self-study, and a 100-page document, that is submitted to the accreditation committee and is written by members of the college community,

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Ice Hockey Club may become varsity sport

By Kevin Buckingham
& Michelle DiGoia
Voice Reporters

The Westfield State College Hockey Club is trying for the second time in their history to become a full varsity team, which will require almost $50,000 in expenses from a variety of sources, according to Hockey Club Coach Brian Ward.

"So far we haven't been able to raise the necessary amount for the start-up cost, but with the help of the Westfield community, we should be able to," said Matt Fontaine, captain of the Hockey Club.

"The interest is here, and the talent is here, but not the money," Fontaine said.

The Hockey Club is financed partly by the Student Government Association (SGA), just like most clubs, said Barbara Hand, advisor to SGA. The other funding comes from private funds and fund-raising said Fontaine.

"Each player contributes 335 dollars and then the team holds fund-raisers to get the rest," Fontaine said. "This year we've sold t-shirts and hats, but we also get money from private businesses and friends and family members of the players."

Along with the Hockey Club's own fundraising, they get much of their fund-raising through SGA, said Hand.

"We pay for just about everything right now—their coaches, ice time, pucks, etc.," she said.

The annual amount for the school to carry the team as a varsity sport according to Hand, would be a $ 50,000 shared expense between different contributors. She said the Athletic Department would be taking on a lot of the expenses if the club were to become a team.

Hand said that if the club becomes a varsity team, SGA has an agreement to contribute an annual stipend of $ 10,000.

The main goal of this team was to become a varsity sport this year, Fontaine said. "Our team wants to reach its full potential, and we really can't do that as a club team."

Although the Hockey Club is currently not a varsity team, their schedule still consists of Division II and III varsity teams as well as Division I Junior Varsity teams, said Fontaine.

The team could be really competitive at the varsity level if they had the chance, said Fontaine.

This year the team had 16 wins, 6 losses and 2.

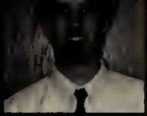
SGA, although not the group that makes the final decision about the team's status, has tried to be helpful in any way, Hand said.

"The Hockey Club uses us as a vehicle to get the wnrd out to the rest of the students, faculty, and administrators, but we are not involved in the official process," Hand said.

The final decision, Hand said, is going to be made eventually by the Board of Trustees and President Woodward.

"Because the general fee is not going to be raised to support hockey as a varsity sport, the board has to find money within the already existing budget to fund the Hockey Club as a team," Hand said.

From the Editor's Desk



The WSC Self-Study

Westfield State has begun a voluntary self-study, a decennial process, which will eventually lead to re-accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). According to the NEASC page on the WSC website (www.wsc.ma.edu), accreditation serves two fundamental purposes: "To assure the quality of the institution or program, and to assist in the improvement of the institution or program."

The self-study process will involve many preparations. Six sub-committees have been selected to evaluate 11 standards ranging from Programs and Instructions to Public Disclosure. The data that the sub-committees gather will be drafted into a 100 page, single spaced document due by the end of this academic year. A team of NEASC institutional analysts is planning on visiting our campus from April 7 through 10 of 2002.

Why is this important to you, the college community member? Because this is WSC's chance to embrace its strengths, but more importantly, accept its faults. By officially addressing areas that need improvement, WSC can make steps towards making changes, and by providing a valid argument, possibly receive money from the state to make such adjustments. The ultimate goal is to make WSC a better place for students to go to school, professors to teach at, administrators to facilitate, and staff members to maintain.

Initially, WSC's Self-Study Committee intended to gather campus input via three methods: e-mail (through the website), communicating directly with a subcommittee member (a list is found on the website), or in person by attending one of the six open forum subcommittee meetings.

The importance of this study is well intentioned, but ineffective methods for college community members to offer their thoughts struck me when I read the names and positions of the members of the subcommittees; out of more than forty members, not one was a student, and just one was a faculty member, the Self-Study Coordinator, James Carabetta, Professor of Computer Science.

The college community is made up of four populations that depend on each other for the ability of the college to function: students, faculty, administration, and staff. Why were three sectors virtually excluded from the decision-making subcommittee boards?

Carabetta told the Voice last week that he had been "slightly compensated" for his work as the Self-Study Coordinator and that since it was not a volunteer position, the MSCA faculty union was OK with his participation. (Currently the union encourages faculty not to participate in voluntary activities because of a long-running contract dispute with the Board of Higher Education.)

"Student Government has been approached, and I am currently awaiting the advancement of student representatives to serve on the self study committee by that organization," Carabetta wrote in a letter. Carabetta said that his plan is to seat one student on each of the six subcommittees. "I do believe that open forum meetings, e-mail, and personal contact are valid ways of soliciting opinions," said Carabetta. He added that the Self Study will accurately depict WSC's strengths and weaknesses and that it is virtually impossible to hide anything from NEASC visiting team of "veteran evaluators."

Expressing his interest in working with the Campus Voice to gather student input, Carabetta said he would offer some information in the next issue of the Voice, after Spring Break, with "coupon" cut-outs to solicit student opinions. I applaud Carabetta's thoughtfulness on this issue, and his willingness to be open to new ideas. However, in the next few weeks, the Campus Voice will be creating our own Student Satisfaction survey to determine what the majority of students feel are the college's greatest weaknesses, which will be different than the administration's, to be submitted to the Self-Study Committee. I suggest the faculty and staff do the same if they intend on voicing their opinions in the upcoming study, which should accurately reflect the views of all sectors of the college community.

-R.J. Burgess III, Editor in Chief

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performance spot on Friday night during spring weekend in the Ely Main Lounge said Smith.

A change from the previous year's contest is the new lighting system that will he used during all of the performances. WSC has purchased a new set of lights with a lighting board that has been used at the coffee house, senior night and a weekend programming concert, according to Smith. The new lights "will add a nice little attraction to the atmosphere," said Smith.

The rules and regulations have not been finalized, but Smith said, "Be prepared for a five minute set-up and breakdown and a twenty minute performance, that way each band has half an hour."

Sign-ups for Battle of the Talents will begin Monday, March 5 through Friday, March 23. There will he a sign-up sheet on the SGA counter near the telephone. People can also call in to sign up at 572-5429. "There is no limit to the number of groups that can sign up," said Smith.

Contestants can find out more detailed information and answers to questions about judging and rules and regulations by e-mailing CAB-WSC@yahoo.com the day before the concert, Smith said.

This year there will be returning bands and talents along with plenty of newcomers. This will be the first time the band Tarmac has performed at WSC. Carmella Rossomando of Tarmac said, "I'm just hoping for a very open-minded panel of judges."

Justin Lamarre of Lloyds Hill, who has placed in the top three for the last two years in the Battle of the Talents, said, "I think we probably are going to perform again this year."

Lamarre said it is discouraging that they will not be performing just against bands because they could lose to performers such as magicians.

Shaun Davis of Oregon Underground and member of the Break-dancers Club (who will be performing in both this year) said, "We are still unsure about our routine for this year."

The Break-dancers Club had a second place win last year. "We put in a really strong effort last year and I was pleased with how our group did and happy about being in second place."

Brooke Popielarz, President of the Dance Club said, "We're not sure about performing, We are still undecided, but we would love to participate in it, but because our show is at the end of April we want to concentrate on our show."

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first. "I felt they kind of kept it in the hush-hush," he said. "I feel the students should have been consulted about it, but when Res. Life has a plan, they're going to go through with it anyway."

Elwell, along with the other members of Dickinson Hall Council, have all resigned from the Hall Council. While Elwell said he could not speak for the other members, he resigned because little things were building up for him, but the changes made to Dickinson Hall for next fall were a major reason. "This was the straw that broke the camel's back," he said.

Tim Godzik, former Dickinson Hall representative to Student Government Association (SGA), said that he too resigned from his position, but he did so before the changes that would occur to Dickinson Hall were made public. "I resigned because I didn't think much was getting resolved in SGA," he said.

Although he didn't resign due to these changes, he said he doesn't agree with the decision tu get rid of the suites next year. "I don't think it's going to make that much of a difference," he said.

Godzik also agreed with Elwell on the issue of having student involvement. "If possible, there should have been student involvement in this decision," he said.

Students have already been informed about this decision, Conlogue said. "The primary means for communicating these changes have been at SGA, through the housing gazette each student received earlier this month, and through the Dickinson staff," he said.

Some students who are currently living in the Dickinson suites don't feel that eliminating the suites next year is a good decision. "I think it's a bad choice because living in the suites has been a good experience," said Jill Queipo, a junior.

Queipo said that if there are no suites next year, upperclassmen who want to live in the apartments next year, but don't get into them, will have to live in regular dorm rooms, which many upperclassmen don't like. "My suitemates and I didn't get into the apartments for this year, so we chose the suites over the dorms because they are a better place to live."

Moira Chiusano, also a junior who currently resides in the Dickinson suites, said she didn't agree with the decision to get rid of the suites next fall either. "Upperclassmen will lose a privilege if they take away the suites," she said.

Both Conlogue and Shawn Hartman, the Residential Director of Dickinson Hall, have said that they have received some complaints from students about eliminating the suites. Conlogue said he has heard some complaints, but only a few. "I think most students are aware of the current housing crunch and recognize that some changes were probably needed," Conlogue said.

Hartman said he heard a few gripes about the suite situation, but only at first. "There were some initial grumbles about the suites," he said.

Some students tend to blame the need for more space, resulting in the loss of suites, on Residential life, but Conlogue said that it is quite the opposite.

"It's important not to solely focus on the negative aspects of our current popularity, as it also has brought some nice benefits for residents," he said.

Conlogue said that there will be changes made to other residence halls as well, such as Lammers and Courtney Hall. "The alcohol-permitted section in Lammers has been dropped due to low demand for it over the last three years," he said. "We'll be working with students in that area to help them transition into an alcohol-permitted apartment if they desire."

Conlogue said that there will also be a wellness-oriented section added to Courtney Hall next fall in cooperation with the Wellness Center and other campus departments.

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Accreditation

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involvement. The NEASC agreed to these conditions and will come visit WSC in 2002.

The most important part of the visit made by the NEASC is the 100-page self-study document. There are six committees set up for the standards.

Currently, there are no students serving on the subcommittees, but there should be soon according to Carabetta. "The plan is to seat one student on each of the six committees," he said.

The accreditation process consists of three distinct components: institutional self-study. visiting team on-site evaluation, and commission review and action.

"I, like many of my colleagues, have a strong desire to help write the NEASC accreditation report. We believe that we offer students the opportunity to achieve a high quality education," said Buzz Hoagland, Associate Professor of Biology.

"Unfortunately, writing this self study is extremely demanding and would require many hours above and beyond our teaching responsibilities. Because we are so poorly paid, many of us must work two jobs in order to maintain a middle class standard of living," Hoagland said.

"If I did not need to work a second job to support my family, I would be happy to work on the NEASC accreditation," said Hoagland.

SGA

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pointing out WSC's strengths and weaknesses.

To visit their website and learn more about this process and communicate with the committee visit you can visit www1.wsc.ma.edu/neasc/.

Chief Paul Scannell said that there has been a rash of burglaries to cars in some of the parking lots on campus lately. According to Scannell this problem is not only occurring at WSC but also at other colleges in the area. Scannell said that if you see anyone acting suspiciously, like walking from car to car and looking in the windows, call public safety immediately. He also said that the thieves are being very specific about what cars they break into.

"They are looking for cars with very expensive [stereo] systems," said Scannell.

Colleen Fromm, Commuter Council President, said that if you can take the face-plate off the stereo, remove it from the system when you are not going to be around your car because most thieves won't bother with it since the stereo will be unusable.

Fromm was questioned about her knowledge with the pothole problem that is present on Western Avenue. Fromm said that since it is not a school road, it is in the hands of the city of Westfield. She also said that from what she has seen on the news, it will be fixed after the winter is over. Fromm also said that Public Safety recently bought a portable jump box. So if you need a jump for your car, you can call Public Safety at 572-5262.

Maggie Smith, SGA Vice-President of Programming, said that the next coffeehouse will be held Wednesday, March 7, in the Ely Campus Center. Smith also said that sign-ups for the WSC Battle of the Talents will begin on Monday, March 5, in the SGA office in lower Ely.

Jocelyn Gregory, Senior Class President, said, "We are still looking for a graduation speaker." Also, according to Gregory, senior week plans are going well and a trip to Six Flags is going to be part of the festivities.

Nancy Gardner, Courtney Hall President, urged all of SGA, as well as all WSC students to attend "Mr. Courtney" which will be held on March 5, tickets will only cost $2.

Noble

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misdiagnosed.

"They told me I was having muscle spasms in my back. I then went to a chiropractor and was told I had a vertebrae out of place," Rossomando said.

After waiting over an hour, she said the doctor examined her in less than 10 minutes and then sent her on her way.

"It seemed like they were more concerned with getting the patients in and out, rather than being concerned and caring for the patients," Rossomando said.

Carmella Rossomando is just one of many students who say they have received unacceptable service at Noble Hospital.

Noble's faults

A possible reason for poor treatment students are receiving could be a result of the recent cutbacks that community hospitals in Massachusetts are facing. However, there seems to be some disagreement between students and health officials.

Noble Hospital in Westfield is listed as one of 60 community hospitals that are being greatly impacted by Medicare cutbacks, according to the Massachusetts Hospital Association (MHA) web site.

"Under the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997, Medicare payments to Massachusetts hospitals have been cut by $1.7 billion over five years," the MHA web site reported.

As a result of the BBA of 1997, Massachusetts's community hospitals are losing over $700 million in Medicare cutbacks, according to MHA web site.

"I don't think there is a connection between unsatisfactory service and cutbacks. Cutbacks are a direct result of inadequate reimbursements and certain hospitals had to stop providing some services," Noble hospital Spokeswoman, Mary O'Neil said. "This adversely impacts patient care and the ability to conveniently get care."

"In general there are staffing shortages shared in the health industry," O'Neil said. "Over the past several years, reimbursement numbers have been down and as a result, hospitals had no choice but to make these unfortunate cut backs."

Noble hospital has not had any layoffs within the past few years and since October they have hired 11 new registered nurses and that has helped the hospital considerably, O'Neil said.

Melissa Saporetti, a sophomore, said she was also recently inconvenienced by Noble Hospital when she experienced difficulties faxing blood work to her doctor.

"The lab technicians were unfriendly and a bunch of jerks," Saporetti said.

She said after repeated attempts to fax the blood work, her doctor had to call the hospital and eventually the blood work was faxed.

"I'll only go back [to Noble hospital] if I absolutely have to," Saporetti said.

"Hospitals in every community are already feeling devastating effects of huge cuts in Medicare. Hospitals can't continue to absorb cuts of this magnitude. It's time to draw the line," according to MHA website, MHA President Ron Hollander said.

"If you have cutbacks in community hospitals, patients will definitely be effected. Hopefully the hospitals will provide staff who are experienced and who care," sophomore Martin Lee said.

Lee recently went to Noble hospital for a knee injury and said he agreed the doctors did not converse with him when medication was prescribed.

"There was no communication with the doctor and he didn't explain what he was prescribing to me for my knee injury," Lee said.

If patients are unhappy with the service they receive, they should lodge a complaint with the hospital, O'Neil said.

Brochures are available in the public area of the hospital as well as in the patients' rooms, O'Neil said.

"We welcome any complaints because we want our service to be number one here at Noble Hospital," O'Neil said.

Any complaints the hospital receives go through a very objective process, where the president of the hospital is notified and the complaint is thoroughly researched, O'Neil said.

Complaints

"We want to be recognized as a place that gives good care. We feel bad when we hear about bad service," O'Neil said. "We want students to feel comfortable [at Noble Hospital] and we want to hear about unfair treatments."

"Students shouldn't be afraid to put complaints in writing. It gives them the opportunity to express how they are feeling at that time," RN Health Services, Ann Mello said.

Another student, a junior and liberal study major, who requested to remain unidentified for school related purposes, said she recently had an awful experience at Noble Hospital.

She said she went to Noble Hospital for an injury recently and it caused her to miss a class. She also said she provided a medical excuse for the absence.

The professor of that class called Noble Hospital and they gave him confidential information regarding the treatment she received, she said.

This student said she formally complained to the Vice President of Noble hospital and was told that this was wrong. She said he apologized and assured her it would not happen again.

She also said she would go back to Noble hospital if it was an emergency but only due to its convenient location.

"I do believe Baystate hospital is better at treating students," she said.

Other local hospitals such as Baystate, Mercy, Holyoke and Cooley Dickinson are referred to the students if they do not choose to go to Noble, RN Health Services, Pat Berube said.

"We refer students to other hospitals if need be, but I think Noble hospital meets most of our needs," Berube said. "I couldn't refer a student to a hospital that gave horrible care."

Noble Hospital is working "lean and mean" to provide services. However, it can only keep so many beds open, as it has limited staff coverage, O'Neil said.

"We are a nonprofit organization and our services are paid for through private insurance agencies, Medicare, Medicaid and self payment," O'Neil said.

Government and legislators are now realizing these cutbacks are a serious situation and claim more money through Medicare and free care will be further subsidized by the state, O'Neil said.

The MHA website also reported US Senator Edward M. Kennedy as saying, "I intend to do all I can to restore funding for our state's hospitals before irreversible damage is done to our health care system."

Voice of The Week

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Correction:

The picture of Taco Bell for the "Weekend Hours" story in the Feb. 26 issue was taken by Kelly Clarke.

Humanitarian describes his days in captivity

By John Daniszewski
Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW - Confined to a dark, chilly basement room, offered a night-time trip to the latrine only every few days, forced to endure the nearby sounds of artillery with no hope of fleeing, American humanitarian worker Kenneth Gluck never was certain he would emerge alive.

The 39-year-old official of Doctors Without Borders said he discovered something about himself during his 27 days as a captive in January and February: "You learn how scared you can actually get."

But he vowed during an interview with the Los Angeles Times on Monday that the experience of being kidnapped at gunpoint would not deter him or his Nobel Peace Prize-winning organization from helping endangered people in Chechnya and other ignored corners of the globe.

"I think it is important for people to know what humanitarian action is," said Gluck, speaking from New York in one of the first interviews he has granted to a newspaper since his Feb. 5 release. "The idea of independent humanitarian action is something that needs support in the world."

The abduction of Gluck was a small note in the ongoing tragedy of Chechnya, a war-torn republic in the northern Caucasus region of the Russian Federation where tens of thousands of people have perished and more than a third of a million have been left homeless in two devastating wars between the Russian army and Chechen separatists since 1995.

Thousands of kidnapping cases have been reported in Chechnya in the past decade. Many foreigners have been among the victims, although the rate of kidnapping is believed to have diminished since Russian troops entered Chechnya in August 1999 in the second phase of the war. Gluck was the first prominent American to be taken since Frederick C. Cuny, a well-known disaster relief specialist who is believed to have been killed after being abducted in March 1995. His body has never been found.

> **"The idea of independent humanitarian action is something that needs support in the world."**
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> -Kenneth Gluck
> Humanitarian

Still struggling to understand who kidnapped him and why, Gluck has been in New York, catching up on his sleep, spending time with his parents and brother, and preparing to assume a new post in Amsterdam, Netherlands, with Doctors Without Borders.

He declined to add to the speculation over whether his mysterious abductors were Russian agents, Chechen rebels, or free-lance criminals. He said his main concern now is for assistance suspended since his abduction to be resumed as quickly as possible.

"We know that the humanitarian situation is still very bad. We know that some of the hospitals where we were working were really just marginally surviving," he said.

Gluck had just completed a visit to a hospital in the Grozny suburb of Stariye Atagi on the afternoon of Jan. 9, traveling as part of a four-vehicle convoy heading back to his office in Nazran, Ingushetia, when the road was blocked by an unmarked car filled with gunmen. They seized him, firing shots into the air and at the wheels of the vehicles.

The kidnappers seemed to be going straight for him, Gluck said, but on the other hand, one of the first things they did after covering his head and speeding away was to ask him who he was. They also confiscated his documents.

Gluck spent most of the next 27 days in a house on a street where he could hear traffic moving outside and occasionally people shouting. At night he was kept awake by his own anxiety and by the sounds of artillery nearby. He thought of trying to escape, but never acted.

His one diversion was a 700-page tome on the history of the Arab peoples that he'd had with him when he was seized. "That book was a lifesaver ... more important than medicines," he said.

His cell was a small, locked basement room, kept perpetually dark, and his keeper was a man who fed him a diet consisting mostly of bread and soup, brought him a pitcher of water with which Gluck could wet his scalp every day or so, and heard Gluck's repeated pleas to be let go.

Gluck said he felt his situation began to improve after the first or second week. "They began to be reassuring. They'd say, 'Look, we swear you are going home, don't worry, you're definitely going home, unhurt.' ... I think they were getting the message by then from somewhere."

The "somewhere," Gluck likes to think, was from his friends in the medical community in Chechnya - putting out the word as widely and broadly as possible that Gluck should not be harmed because of who he was and what his abduction could mean for the continuance of humanitarian aid.

But still he did not really believe he was safe one night when he was put in a car, again blindfolded, and during the ride handed back his documents.

"I had been asking the kidnappers all along, I just said, 'Return me to any hospital and they will make sure I get back safely' ... I said any hospital or any head doctor - they all know me. ... So they did - pushing me through the gate in the middle of the night of a surgeon whom we knew."

News Briefs

Northwest PCB's

VICTORIA, Canada - In the waters off Seattle and Victoria, killer whales aren't the only top-level feeders.

Human beings are, too.

People who regularly consume salmon or sole from Puget Sound face several health problems from PCBs, polychlorinated biphenyls, including an elevated cancer risk. That has prompted Washington state officials to begin studying whether health warnings are needed regarding eating Puget Sound salmon and other fish.

Eating two ounces per day, which is average for recreational anglers, increases cancer risk by one cancer for every 1,000 to 100,000 people exposed, according to a 1998 Puget Sound update by state officials. Government regulatory officials usually worry about cancer risks higher than one in 1 million.

Because salmon is such a precious commodity in the region, the PCBs could become an explosive issue.

"The orca is an indicator of what could be affecting human health as well," said Caitlin Cormier of the Washington Department of Ecology. "It becomes very personal because we're high up on the food chain, too."

-Compiled by LA Times

Scientists annouce studies on medicinal value of pot

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - More than four years after California voters legalized medical marijuana, researchers announced Thursday the first batch of studies planned under a $3 million state effort to determine what value pot has as medicine.

The four studies approved by the Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research are the first step by the state to set concrete guidelines for use of the drug by patients suffering illnesses such as AIDS, multiple sclerosis, cancer and glaucoma.

The cannibis plant. -File photo.

Research teams at the University of California at San Francisco and San Diego will look at smoked marijuana's effect on HIV-related pain. Another study will focus on whether pot can ease spasticity caused by multiple sclerosis. A fourth research team will examine concerns over the drug's effect on the driving abilities of patients with AIDS or MS.

Igor Grant, a psychiatry professor at UC San Diego and the center's director, said university research unfettered by any political agenda should answer basic questions about medical marijuana while helping to "reset the national thermostat on this issue."

For years, the federal government has been largely unwilling to fund exhaustive clinical studies of pot's potential therapeutic value, preferring instead to support research into the drug's effects as an illegal narcotic.

But federal officials have increasingly called for scientific proof in the face of a groundswell movement that resulted in legalization of medical marijuana in California and a half-dozen other states. The drug remains an illegal narcotic under federal law, and the U.S. Supreme Court is set to hear a challenge to medical marijuana next month.

Grant and others hope the California research effort, which won state funding last year, can spur even more ambitious medical marijuana studies backed by the federal government.

Though the four studies could begin as soon as May 1, a key hurdle remains.

The only source of research-grade marijuana in the United States is a federal farm at the University of Mississippi. The California researchers have yet to win approval from a fleet of agencies - including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and the Food and Drug Administration - that will be needed to obtain the research cannabis.

Grant and the researchers don't expect snags. Federal regulators are interested, he said, as long as marijuana researchers are "serious people looking at serious medical questions and not approaching it from some advocacy position."

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Thanks to a recent 6-3 decision by the Supreme Court, such checkpoints as described above won't become a part of our lives. It was a decision that surprised many on both sides of the "War on Drugs," the first decision in a long time to fly in the face of the unchecked escalation of this war upon the people by a government established by and for the people.

The Constitution prohibits the use of federal troops for the purposes of local law enforcement. A major loophole in this law is the use of National Guard troops in aiding state and local law enforcement. These days, National Guard troops are virtually indestinguishable from regular army. They are trained at the same schools by the same people, they went off to the Gulf War side by side with their active duty counterparts, and most were at one time active duty soldiers. National Guard troops, however, are employees of the state in which they serve.

Mike Pease, without who's invaluable help this series could not have been written, spent two years in the Massachusetts National Guard CSO, (Counter Drug Support Operations Office), a part of the State Executive Office of Public Safety. A CSO exists in every national guard unit in every state in the union. Originally there were two sides of the house; "Interdiction and Eradication," and "Demand Reduction." The mission of Demand Reduction is outreach. They are tasked with educating youths on the dangers of drug use to actually reduce the demand for illegal or controlled substances. More on that next week.

"Interdiction and eradication." Originally, this was part one of a two-part mission. Over time, though, the mission has bifurcated. (Mission creep, Steve?) As state employees, their mission expanded to include "law enforcement support." Even THAT role expanded once again, but I'll get there next week…Picture this: You got a guy growing ten pot plants in his bathroom in rural Western Mass. At Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee (where I was born) there is a hangar that holds three little helicopters, each painted black with black windows, and each equipped with the latest in surveillance technology including FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared Radar) systems at a million bucks a pop. During a routine flyover the infrared system notices a house glowing orange. possibly indicating the presence of the lamps used to grow weed hydroponically. They aren't supposed to randomly monitor houses without probable cause but say that, accidently, the pilot "forgot" to turn the system off. Next you've got military troops sneaking onto this man's property, trespassing, at night installing microphones and "groundhogs," which are tiny, camoflaged surveillance cameras. Based on this information, the local police then look at his utility bill for the past ten years and notice his power usage increasing, which also indicates the presence of grow lamps. A warrant is secured, and they kick in his door. Because of strict guidelines, the same guidelines that have seen half a million (!) non-violent drug offenders incarcarated, his chances of being charged at the state or federal level (depending upon who needs the business) is high, and his chance of conviction is even higher. The news reaches the media and the "street value" of the plants is placed at $100,000 (listening to the function and role of "street values" in this game I noticed striking similarities to the "body count" estimates during the Viet Nam war). This is a ridiculous figure arrived at partly for P.R. purposes and partly to avoid having to justify how tens of thousands of dollars in technology and manpower was spent to rid the streets of a few thousand dollars worth of pot. The potential for loss of life is another subject entirely.

We are the only industrialized nation in the world that sees drug users as criminals rather than fellow citizens in need of help. When's the last time you heard of a shootout (with military-grade weapons, no less) between a drug supplier and law enforcement? Since when does the face of American law enforcement need to wear a black mask? Why did the police union of the Spongfield PD threaten to strike (Blue Flu) if officers were required to wear nametags? When police departments stopped thinking of themselves as "public servants" and started referring to themselves as "paramilitary" the adversarial relationship between the police and the public was born. Peace and balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Until recently, I thought I had the world pretty much figured out. I knew who I was, and I knew what I believed. I had always been told that the world wasn't black and white, but it sure seemed it to me. I couldn't understand what all the fuss was about in regards to many social issues. Whether it was abortion, the death penalty or affirmative action, I knew what I believed was right. The answers seemed so obvious.

Soon after arriving at college, however, I began to realize that the world wasn't nearly as simple as I had hoped. As a result of several changes in my life, I began questioning many beliefs that I had previously held sacred. This isn't to say that I abandoned my moral code. Far from it. But one thing that I have been reminded of time and again is this: people are more important than philosophies or ideas.

Let me explain. Often times we'll get so caught up in a cause that we forget about individual people. Take abortion, for instance. It's real easy to take the moral high ground. It's just as easy to proclaim that a woman's rights are all that matters. But how many of us have had to sit by while a friend agonized over the dreadful choice? How many of us have had a family member go through with the procedure, realizing fully the immense psychological pain it causes? A few of us, surely. But these people, I find, are the ones that don't take a hard stance on the issue. They realize that whatever a woman chooses, it's a losing situation. They realize that once an issue becomes "personal", all previous notions are swept aside.

Last week I read a story about Timothy McVeigh's impending execution. Apparently, several of the survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing want the execution to be broadcast on television. Upon finishing the article, I felt sickened. You see, I'm against the death penalty. I think it's immoral, counter-productive, and downright silly. I immediately began attacking those who wanted to witness the state-sponsored murder. But then I reflected on the interview of the man who lost his wife and all three children in the blast. Would I have responded with the same rage? I can't say. All I know is that this poor man is experiencing a pain that I cannot begin to comprehend. And while I still can't agree with the state condemning anyone to death, I can't condemn this man's anger either.

Again, I'm not saying that we shouldn't take stances. I'm not saying we should do away with moral codes. What I'm saying is that circumstances matter. A lot. I'm saying that the committed feminist must always remember to educate rather than attack. I'm saying that the dedicated follower of all things politically correct must remember that the individual is more important than the group name. I'm trying to remind the staunchest pro-life crusader that all their righteous beliefs may well crumble when their daughter comes home with news of an unwanted pregnancy. And I want the pro-choicer to keep in mind that it's just not as simple as one woman's choice.

At the beginning of the column, I mentioned that I had held tightly to a very complex and rigid set of values. I still live by my "code", but there's two major differences now. For one, I've streamlined it to about three points, a result of my rather sudden realization that I know very little about the world outside my relatively sheltered life. I've also allowed room for it to adapt to new situations and circumstances. I've realized that the key to happiness isn't clinging to a set of values that condemns the world around you, but rather about staying true to your heart, while accepting others for who they are, rather than what their political, religious, social views may mean to you. Because people are way more important than any self manufactured philosophy or cause.

Think about it, and send me any feedback you may have. And I'll catch you all next week.

Jon Sewell is a Voice Columnist

WSC student questions the role SGA plays on campus

To the Editor:

I was bothered when I picked up the February 19 edition of "The Campus Voice" and read the article entitled "SGA member defends SGA's decision to remain impartial." Miss Jillian McQuade made what I thought to be some questionable comments. In her article Miss McQuade applauds SGA President Amanda Miranda for her impartial position with regards to teacher's contracts..

Although I am new to this campus, I was under the impression that SGA was the governing body at Westfield State College. As a governing body I also believed it was their duty to act in the best interest of the students. I find it difficult to believe that SGA is performing this duty if they are not supporting our faculty's cause. The faculty is the most important resource on campus. They are responsible for giving us our education. I wonder when SGA is going to realize that without a faculty there would be no college. From my standpoint, and until I hear otherwise, it would seem that their decision for an impartial position on this issue is simply because they do not wish to make waves with the administration.

I was also intrigued by Miss Mcquade's comment, "Unless the Student Government Association has written permission from every single student on this campus saying that they support teacher contract negotiations, I do not believe that Miss Miranda or SGA should take a stand." Imagine if before any statement were to be made by our US government it had to get the approval of all US citizens. The government would serve no purpose and nothing would be accomplished which is not far from its present stance.

The student members of SGA represent the student body and as representatives must make decisions. This does not mean that they represent the student body on only "safe" issues where no one's toes get stepped on. It means that they are at those meetings every Tuesday to represent the student body on all issues, even the tough ones.

In conclusion, I would like to borrow from a line in Miss McQuade's article and "applaud" RJ Burgess III, Editor in Chief, for his comments and challenges to SGA and especially the administration. It is refreshing to know that at least one person is not afraid to make some waves.

Erick Dubuque, Junior

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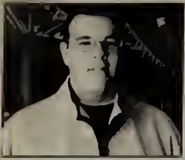
What are you doing for spring break?



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Don't Call Me Baby

KATHERINE MANNING

"Woman without her man is nothing." "Woman, without her, man, is nothing."

The purpose of the above two statements are to demonstrate the importance of your grammar in sentences, and as we can see, putting commas in it makes all the difference. LOL. On the contrary, the purpose is to mock our society and the fact that we are constantly trying to define one gender as the "better one." The truth of the matter is, however, that one cannot live without the other, making both slogans possibly relevant.

Freud was unfortunately among our most reputable gender theorists for having formed the "penis envy" theory, which I personally have never been able to touch upon using a straight face.

On the other hand, we have some people, even some men, stating the opposite theory, that men are envious over a woman's ability to carry a child. It is a never-ending tennis match that we have all been exposed to.

But give me a break people. If the creator had favored one over the other, only one sex would have been created, right? Instead, however, we have two. Then why do we always have this dispute?

The answer to this question that I have just posed is deeply embedded in the institutions within our culture that have throughout the years implied that that a woman is to be a possession of a man. In fact, there are some cultures that take it to the utmost extreme, such as the Muslim policies on woman's dress and the things some do to limit the pleasure of the female when she is reproducing, as if that is her only function. Some blame misinterpretations of Bible readers that take gender roles far too seriously as opposed to applying Scripture to today. However, this is one of the largest factors contributing to our patriarchal roots. Although we are not one of those countries that still mutilate a female's pleasure organs after marriage or keep them sewed to ensure that they are pure, we most certainly still see small remnants of such things today.

When I was sitting at lunch earlier today, my best friend Denise gave me the idea for this article after telling me about a discussion that she had with her boyfriend, whom she will most likely marry. She asked me and all who were at the table what the purpose of taking on a man's last name was when it doesn't make you part of their family. She went on to say that the idea is absurd, when it can be comparable to him taking on hers, which they have actually explored the option of doing. However, I do believe that she is getting somewhere with this. You see, when I had originally started to question her meaning, she responded with the following question, "Katie, you're Irish. If you married someone whose name was Perez, does that mean that you are then a Perez?" It is like erasing my roots, which ultimately states to everyone that I have no self-identity without my man.

Well, I suppose if anyone else agrees with the bizarreness of this tradition, they will inevitably explore the option of keeping their maiden name or hyphenating it with their partner. Frankly, it all depends on what you want out of life and for yourself. But do you know what the best part of this is, people? At least you have the choice now!

K. Manning is a Voice Columnist

A Day in the Life

ANGELA LAPIERRE

When I look back on my youth, I realize that children such as myself were jipped. Why? Because there was a lack of decent children's programming back in the 80's. Think about it. Your choices were either Sesame Street or Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. Today's kids still have Sesame Street and Mister Rogers, but they also have Barney and Friends, Blue's Clues, Teletubbies, Veggietales, Big Comfy Couch, and the list goes on and on. But don't feel bad, fellow children from the 80's, we had some killer talent in the musical world like Boy George and Michael Jackson (before he became a plastic surgery freak show). What music do the kids born in the late 90's have? Hanson, N'SYNC and Britney Spears. Oh yeah, those are some real gems.

I have clocked in many hours as a former daycare worker and as a baby-sitter for my 2 cousins, so I've had quite a bit of exposure to the children's TV shows of today. Some of the shows I wouldn't mind sitting in front of the TV and watching by myself. Others, well, they're just plain scary. So if any of you are stuck on rugrat detail in the near future, here's a review of some of the more popular kiddie shows.

First on my list is Barney and Friends. After watching it, I can now see why there have been a number of Barney assaults in the past. I just don't see why kids find him to be cute and lovable. Barney, along with sidekicks BJ and Baby Bop, is saccharin-sweet and completely annoying. Filled with cheesy musical numbers like "The I Love You Song," and "The Cleanup Song," it makes me wonder how much they pay the kids on the show. (Or how much Prozac they've popped prior to taping...) Definitely not a show I could sit through without wanting to scream bloody murder. However, there is one thing about Barney that some of us would find interesting. Once a kid on the show hits 15, they're outta there. Yeppers, they pull a Menudo on you faster than you can say puberty.

Next up is Blue's Clues. All in all, it's a decent show that I wouldn't mind watching every now and then. Blue is adorable, and Mr. Salt and Mrs. Pepper with baby Paprika are too funny. However, I think that Steve is really annoying. Again, this is someone who is probably being paid an exorbitant amount of money and has a Prozac addiction. How else could anyone be willing to dance around singing about Blue's Clues and about getting the mail, AND wear the same outfit every single day? It works fine on The Simpsons, but not in real life, Steve-o. Invest in a new outfit.

Finally, we have Teletubbies. Alright, I admit that they're cute. But I'm not quite sure if dancing around and talking gibberish is really going to teach the kiddies something. In fact, I think watching Teletubbies will decrease a child's vocabulary instead of increasing it. That is unless an educator WANTS their student to say such intelligible things like "La la di da" or "Big hug."

When looking at the children's shows of today, I now realize that I was lucky to have a show like Sesame Street to watch when I was little. It actually teaches children valuable knowledge like counting and the ABC's, instead of pointless dribble like how to clean your room or how psyched you should be to get mail.

Anyway, stay tuned next week. I'm not too sure what I'm going to be talking about, but it will be interesting. Happy reading!

A. LaPierre is a Voice Columnist

Britney Fox Brings back 80's metal...and Mark Hite a bumper sticker

Mark Hite

As I rumbled through the WSKB mail pile, I noticed a package from the fine folks at Spitfire Records. For the fun of it, I opened it only to have my jaw drop in utter shock.

Could this be true? Could we honestly be getting a CD from the band that I thought was the bomb as a kid? As soon as I saw the bumper sticker (which is currently on my car) that accompanied it, I knew that this was not a false event. My friends...we have in our possession at WSKB...the Brand New Britny Fox Long Way To Live CD!!!

Stop laughing, this is serious business! One of my most favorite bands of the 80s was Britny Fox. Granted, I can accept the fact that many people think that this band is the bi-product of Cinderella. Still, I can rocall running around my cellar playing air guitar to their first self-titled release. I really don't remember picking up any of their later releases, but that first one is still in my tape collection and has been used over and over again!

The band, once fronted by "Dizzy" Dean Davidson, pumped out several releases and had their ups and downs in the 80s and 90s. Now they are back again (finally) with the new lead singer Tommy Paris. Guitarist Michael Kelly Smith, Drummer Johnny Dee, and Bassist Billy Childs have returned as well to rock into the millenium...live style!

The CD starts off with the song "Six Guns Loaded" which has a voice sample from Dirty Harry. ("Do ya feel lucky punk"). This leads to the fun track which is a pure pumpin' 80s bad- ass attitude fest. This, of course, leads to that song that rocks the world..."Long Way To Love!" I can even remember the video to that song...the band playing in a junk yard rockin' the crap out of the place. After five minutes of this one can easily understand why this band rocks!

The track "Dream On" has a bit of an accoustic feel to it which is rather mellowing. Paris leads the band in a great hlend of melodic vocals and catchy lyrics.

The band usually keeps to the themes of chicks and the tough guy image with songs like "Closer To Your Love" and "Louder." All the while, front man Paris keeps the crowd going between song interludes by asking the crowd how they're doing and thanking them for "COMING OUT."

In one interlude, master guitarist Michael

Kelly Smith rocks out for the an instrumental simply titled "Guitar Solo". This leads to the "don't mess around with me track I'm a tough 80s metal icon" song "Shot From My Gun." The song "Over + Out" leads the crowd in a big sing along as bassit Billy Childs takes on an accoustic guitar for a change. The crowd pleaser "Girlschool" is virtually saved until the end of the CD, which I'm sure made many Britny Fox fans leave the concert with a smile.

There it is folks...my take on the new CD from Britny Fox. The only reason I am so enthusiastic about this CD is because they were one of my favorite bands of the 80s. Granted, I can admit now that a lot of what they did sucked, but still the bands stands for rock n' roll and can still keep up with best of them.

So if you like that 80s style combined with the raspy vocals of front man Paris, this one is definitely for you. It's a pure whammy bar filled rock and roll fest which will bring back the days of big hair and pants that would crush your genitalia until they were one dimensional.

Mark Hite is a Voice Columnist

Stop the presses! DMB releases new cd *Everday.* OK life can go on now!

Jessican Norden
Voice Reporter

To all who have heard Dave Matthews' single "I Did It" on the radio, and to all of the band's fans at WSC, listen to this. I recently sampled their new release, *Everyday*, and it is definitely worth your money. This CD shows all sides of the Dave Matthews Band, from their peppy, upbeat sides to their mellow, sentimental sides.

"So Right" is the first track of the CD, with excellent lyrics. The instrumental sections of the song are amazing and Dave Matthews' vocals are incredible. I thought that Matthews' vocals were very convincing and the song has an excellent rhythm. "So Right" discusses how a relationship feels 'so right' and how the man in the relationship deals with his feelings.

The band's first single, 'I Did It," has hit the airwaves with rave responses and is the second track of the CD. With its catchy tune and Matthews' excellent lyrics, such as "I did it/do you think I've gone too far/ I did it/ Guilty as charged" and interesting instrumentals, this happens to be one of my favorites off the CD. It's upbeat and very easy to listen to.

"When the World Ends" is the third track and with it's great melody and beat, it will no doubt become one of the next singles. "We'll be crazy../watch them fade to nothing when the world ends." The instrumentals are amazing on this song with its fast rhythms and mix of pop and rock.

Wow! It's the Dave Matthews Band. Hoorah. -File Photo

"The Space Between" is next on the playlist, with fast lyrics and excellent beats. This song happens to be another favorite of mine because of the way it is sung and the music is great.

"Sleep to Dream Her" is the fifth song with a sweet, soft, melodic tone with good music and excellent instrumentals.

Matthews' voice is extremely soothing and comforting throughout this song and gives the song meaning while he performs it.

The next song, "What You Are" kind of reminds me of the song "Drive In, Drive Out" off of their CD *Crash*. "Angel" is a sweet song with excellent lyrics and it discusses how someone wants to get their significant other back and how he or she feels about the situation. 'It's lonely far from you/even when you're right by me. . / I swear you'll be my angel/" This song reminds me somewhat of "Let You Down" off of Crash.

'Dreams of Our Fathers" has good lyrics such as "I don't want to wake up lost in the dreams of our fathers." It also a sweet rhythm with a great tune, which makes the song one you will want to listen to. It's a mellow song that you can relax to, which is good.

"Everyday" happens to be the title song. With its great beat and catchy tune, this is definitely one you will want to listen to more than once.

"Mother, Father" is The Dave Matthews Band's newest single and I know why from listening to it. "Mother Father please explain to me/ why the world is full of mystery. . /Why snow capped mountains melt away..." It discusses how a child always asks their parents questions that have hard answers and the child wants to know why certain things do what they do. The excellent rhythm and great tune help this to be one of the best songs from the CD.

"If I Had It All" is a soft tune with a good melody. Matthews' voice truly brings out the best of the song with all of its sentimental lyrics. "Fool to Think" is the perfect ending to an excellent CD with its quick paced beat and great lyrics.

Everyday is definitely a CD to add to your ever-growing collections. Fans of Dave Matthews will love it and even if you have just heard a few of their songs, try it out. Who knows, you may like it.

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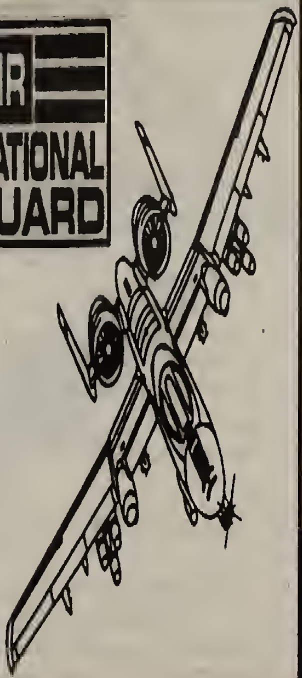

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Senior Jemie Vielmetti was named Co-Player of the Year in the Mass. State Conference. Vielmetti finished her outstanding four-year collegiate career with 1,104 points, which is seventh on the Owls' all-time list. Also an excellent passer, the South Deerfield native ranks second in career assists with 426.

Photo By David Harris-Fried

Five Owls Named All Conference

Vielmetti Selected Co-Player of Year

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Five members of the Westfield State College basketball teams were selected to the Mass. State all conference squads that were announced this week.

Topping the list is women's basketball senior standout Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield, who was named Conference Co-Player of the Year along with senior Melissa Smock of Salem State.

The 5-10 guard/forward from Frontier Regional led the Owls in scoring(13.3 points per game) and steals (2.8), and the conference in assists (5.6) and free throw shooting (82 percent, 68 of 82). Heading into the final week of the season she was ranked eighth nationally in assists per game in NCAA Division III.

Vielmetti is a three-time all conference selection; she was a first teamer the past two seasons and a second-team pick as a sophomore.

Vielmetti finished her outstanding four-year career with 1,104 points to rank seventh on the Owls' all-time scoring charts. She ranks second with 426 career assists, and in Westfield's top 10 in games played(102), field goals made (427) and attempted (960), field goal shooting percentage (.445), free throws made (214) and attempted (290), free throw percentage (.738), and steals (183).

Westfield's other women's basketball player honored was junior forward **A.J. LaBelle** of Ashfield (Mohawk Regional), who was a second-team selection. LaBelle, a first-team pick last season, led the Owls in blocked shots (25) and was second in scoring (11.7), rebounding (5.7) and steals (2.3).

Three members of Westfield State's men's team were recognized by the coaches as all conference players.

Junior power forward **Bryant James** made an immediate impact his first season with the Owls as he was a first-team selection. The 6-1 transfer from Holyoke Community College used his outstanding leaping ability and quickness to lead the Owls in scoring (14.7), rebounding (9.2), steals (3.0), and blocked shots. James finished third in the conference in rebounding, and was ranked 10th nationally in steals per game heading into the final week of the season.

Senior guard **Kurt Huggins** was a second-team all conference selection. The Massapequa, N.Y., native averaged 10.9 points and 2.0 steals per game in helping the Owls post their first winning season (14-11) in five years. Huggins, a transfer from Mitchell Community College in New London, Conn., was first team all conference during his junior season.

Freshman forward **Vaso Jaukovic** of Montenegro, Yugoslavia, was selected the Conference's Rooke of the Year The 6-7 forward averaged 13.4 points and 5.1 rebounds, and shot 74 percent from the foul line.

Both Westfield teams placed third in the conference with 7-5 records.

Bryant James puts down one of the many dunks he executed this season. The 6-1 forward was named first team all conference and led the Owls in scoring, rebounding, field goal shooting, blocked shots and steals.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Women Bounced From Tournament

SALEM - Framingham State soundly defeated Westfield State by a surprising score of 92-53 in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference women's basketball postseason tournament.

Westfield State finished its season with a 16-9 record. Framingham moved to 18-8 after losing to Salem State, 71-61, in the conference championship game.

A close game had been anticipated as Framingham and Westfield split their regular season series. The Owls won the first game, 68-59, while Framingham won the second contest, 68-61.

Framingham came out firing from the start, however, in the semifinal matchup. The taller Rams led 34-8 with just under 10 minutes led in the first half, and went into intermission with a commanding 45-20 lead over the cold-shooting and turnover-prone Owls.

Framingham kept increasing its lead throughout the second half even with its reserve players. For the game, the hot-shooting Rams shot 55 percent, including 6 of 10 3-point baskets. Westfield shot 27 percent from the field, making 21 of 76 attempts.

All 13 players scored for Framingham, led by sophomore forward Kristine O'Coin's 18 points; she also grabbed 10 rebounds. Sophomore center Janice Coppolino had 10 points and a game-high 11 rebounds, while freshman Katie Kennedy tallied 15 points.

Sophomore Nicole Sealander of Easthampton was the only Westfield player in double figures with 13 points.

Hockey Drops Season Finale

Central Connecticut scored the game-winning goal with 8:26 remaining in the third period to upset the Westfield State College ice hockey team, 3-2, in the Owls' season finale.

The Owls, who finished with a 16-6-2 record, went ahead 2-1 at the 4:17 mark of the second period on a powerplay goal by freshman Peter Couture.

The Blue Devils then scored two unanswered goals. Westfield also got a goal from the team's leading scorer, Ryan Lawless. Keith Nadeau added two assists, while defensemen Kevin Pelkey and Mike Palazzola each had an assist.

Freshman goalie Ardian Kalezic stopped 39 shots in a losing effort.

Kalezic, played a strong game despite coughing up blood between the first and second periods. The Owls also were without senior captain Matt Fontaine.

"This was a very disappointing loss for us, and by far our worst loss of the season," said coach Brian Ward.

"We did not play hard enough to win. We took too many undisciplined penalties and it cost us. Central was very well prepared for us. We had too many guys who took the night off."

Class Registration Workshop Scheduled

As an alternative to study hall Monday, March 5, student-athletes are asked to attend a Class Registration Workshop, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the SGA room, lower level of Ely Hall.

The workshop will provide student-athletes information about registration for Fall 2001 classes. The workshop is mandatory if attending Monday study hall, and will be 45 minutes in length.

The workshop will include; class registration guidelines; timeline of events; student registration responsibilities; advising preparation and appointments; and registration process.

This workshop does not replace advisement by your professors.

Westfield Eliminated By Salem

SALEM - Salem State's strong inside attack rallied the Vikings to an 84-75 victory over Westfield State in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament.

The Vikings, 21-5 overall, went on to win the MASCAC crown as they defeated Worcester State, 63-57, in the championship game.

Trailing 43-37 at halftime, Salem State began to quickly take control in the second half with its potent inside attack led by three seniors: conference Player of the Year Ed Bourgogne (team-high 16 points, 9 rebounds); forward Eric McCoy (15 points), and 6-9 center Gus White (11 points, 12 rebounds, 5 blocked shots).

Leading 64-62 with 7:21 remaining, the Vikings went on a 13-4 run over the next four-plus minutes for a 77-66 lead with 3:01 remaining.

Salem's inside dominance also paid off from the foul line, where it was 23 for 32. The Owls, meanwhile were only 5 of 8 from the charity stripe.

Westfield, 14-11 overall, used a lightning-quick fastbreak and an aggressive defense to take its six-point halftime lead.

Senior guard Kris Kachelmeyer (Bernardston) led the Owls' balanced attack with a game-high 17 points. Bryant James scored 16 points, followed by Kurt Huggins with 14 and Ethan Slavin with 10

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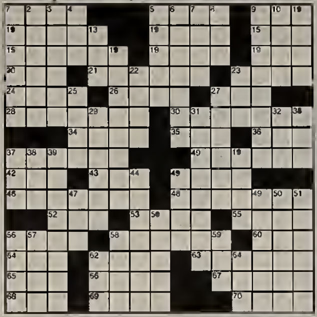

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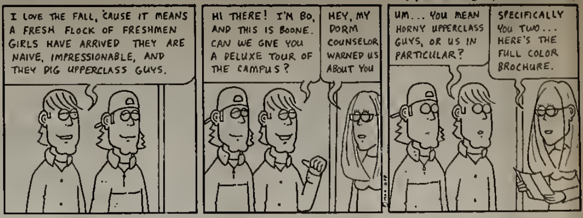
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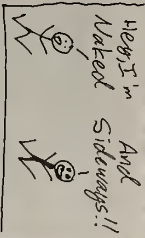
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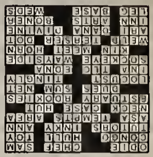

Personals

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Cairney, I want a rematch – Chuck

S. Gauriel's new roommate beware...she cheats, lies, and steals.

I wish there was a ruyle against farting in the gym.

You're a baby-head

You wanna touch me, you wanna kiss me, you wanna love me.

Hey Mike, which girl?

Whoeva said they want Darien's girl, I'll let you know I got two bullets for ya. Bang Bang.

Fitz...it was you.

Matt in Courtney Hall smells like rocks.

Not even Cancun can help Roti.

We did have a good party? Never said it.

Jen D., I want your body.

Sleep with me roommate and cuddle with me. Awesome.

The Supastahs will rule frisbee.

Kay loves Rod Stewart.

Allison is the hottest freshman up here.

Why does Roti walk around on the 1st floor of Courtney with his pants around his ankles?

Steve, Chris, and Marc - you'll always be my big brothers, call me when the dishes need to be washed.

Triff is thegod of all massage givers.

I'm dumping my boyfriend for his hands.

Darien is so hot!

Is it just me or is everybody at this school from Haverhill?

Rlahaye, what is it going to take for a certain somebody to win your heart? A girl can only try so hard, so the rest is up to you.

Hey Matty, who's your new basement babe?

I saw Slim Shady and Rich for "Survivor" at the Mardi Gras party.

Eminem and Alf live at Riverside.

My roommate and I love the carmel chocolate chip rice cakes...they are so yummy....and only 1 gram of fat each!

Sheri: your face goes in the face tanner, not the foot tanner.

Which is the best? Soccer House, Cityview, Riverside, or West School?

Roti, got a girl this weekend? Just kidding.

Mardi Gras at Riverside was the best party of the year. Good Work.

Hey Andy, learn to wipe cause you stink.

Roti hasn't seen a naked girl since....never.

8 sodas is to much cafe girl.

Cher, I love you. Don't ever leave me –Hescock

Gebo captain of the 4th floor all-stars.

I drank a 6-pack of O'douls, I passed out, I woke up and had another ear infection. My name is Roti.

Why do people with no genetalia tare down signs on this campus?

Trying to convince my boyfriend to do anything is like trying to convince a fish to walk on land.

Sarah, where's your license for those things?

Don't Care.

Buy some daffodils for the Cancer Bennifet Society! They are fun flowers!

True measure of a man is the Sweeny meter.

There are only two innocents in this world, young children and animals.

Dasani Water should be in the personals.

I have cramps. I'm not a very happy. Roti, about the two inches, don't worry about it.

Megan, what would Cambell say about Double Trouble at Riverside?

To the sexy boy in Courtney 3666, are you single now? Grrr!!!!

Boyfriends suck - especially mine.

Mike S. in Dickinson is hot!

The girls in D11 in Dickinson are the cutest girls on campus.

Roti, it's the bottom of the ninth, will you score? Not a chance.

Listren to Courtney and Laurie every Tuesday from 2-4 on WSKB 89.5!

I'm so sick of this school - I can't wait to leave. (but not my friends)

Why does The Nest only sell chunky peanut butter and not creamy peanut butter? What gives?

Scuba, Scuba, Scuba Steve, where are you?

Lauren B., have a happy 20th birthday!

Cat, Hat, in a sombraro.

My spiderman doesn't stick to walls, but he sticks to his roommates perfectly.

A whisper from hell and I'll be back.

Weenie! Weenie! Weenie! Where are the buns?!?!?!

I feel pretty, oh so pretty! I feel pretty and witty and gaaaaaayyyy!!!!

I'm off on a rocketship prepared for something new!!!!

The chicken has not been up on the door of A213 in a long time....I'm getting pretty antsy!!!!

I want pizza!!!! I miss eating it!!!

Meg, you aren't a lobster...don't try to be one!

El Barto rules.

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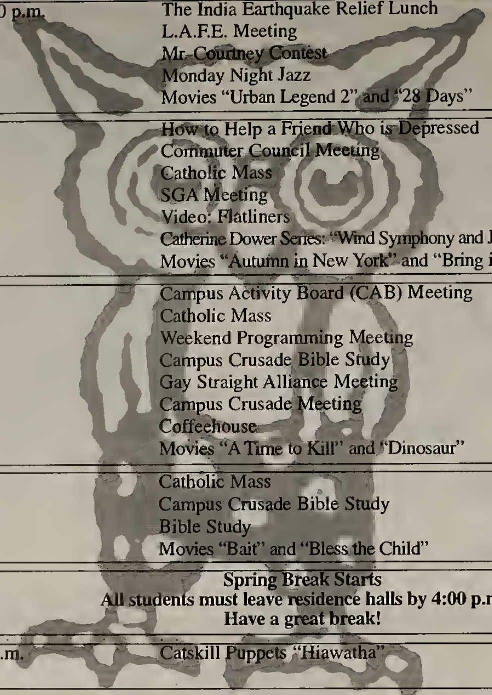
Reception for Phi Kappa Phi Essay Winners

All members of WSC's Academic Community are invited to ottend o reception on Tue., March 20 ot 4 pm in Scanlon Bonquet Holl C to honor ond celebrote the three students who won the scholorly essay competition. The competition wos sponsored by the WSC chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, ond the Honors Program.

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events



Mon 3/5	11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	The India Earthquake Relief Lunch	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office
	7:00 p.m.	Mr. Courtney Contest	($$)Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Monday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Urban Legend 2" and "28 Days"	Channels 56&57
Tue 3/6	4:00 p.m.	How to Help a Friend Who is Depressed	Scanlon Living Room
	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Video: Flatliners	Ely Lower Lounge
	7:30 p.m.	Catherine Dower Series: "Wind Symphony and Jazz Ensemble"	Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Autumn in New York" and "Bring it On"	Channels 56&57
Wed 3/7	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Ely 232
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Coffeehouse	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "A Time to Kill" and "Dinosaur"	Channels 56&57
Thur 3/8	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Ely 130
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Bait" and "Bless the Child"	Channels 56&57
Fri 3/9		**Spring Break Starts** **All students must leave residence halls by 4:00 p.m.** **Have a great break!**	
Sat 3/10	12:00 & 2:00 p.m.	Catskill Puppets "Hiawatha"	($$)Dever Auditorium

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Spring weekend still needs headliner

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

The Spring Weekend headlining act is still in question as tickets for the event are now on sale. Maggie Smith, Student Government Association Vice President of Programming, said that right now they are playing the agent game with rap act Ja Rule.

"We are now on bid with Ja Rule," Smith said, "but he is in Cancun right now for Spring Break, so we haven't heard back yet."

Smith said that she put in the bid for Ja Rule when the first bid for Shaggy did not pan out. She said that the bid for Shaggy was put in in early February, but Shaggy's answer did not come until three weeks later, that he was booked for that night, for more money. Smith said that she began the whole process of finding a headlining band in November, but couldn't put a bid in until February because bands wait until then to see who offers the most money.

The bid offer was raised for Ja Rule from $20,000 to $25,000, Smith said. She said that there is a limit on the money Westfield State can offer though, and they have reached it.

If the Ja Rule offer falls through, Smith said that the other three choices, Run DMC, Reel Big Fish, and G Love, are already booked for that day, hut she is working on alternatives. "We're just trying to get the biggest name possible," Smith said.

Smith also said that it was important for students to buy their Spring Weekend tickets now if they want to have a big name headliner. "If people postpone buying tickets, we're not going to he able to afford a good group," she said. "We're making a hid based on what we will

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Week devoted to women

By Michelle DiGioia
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College will be holding its Week Celebrating Women in conjunction with National Women's Awareness Week during March 26-30, in order to honor and celebrate the important women in our lives said Sue Lamontagne, Director of Student Affairs.

The week will hold a series of events, guest lecture series, and classes to appreciate the important women in the world who have inspired and impacted our lives in some way.

The Clothesline and Tee-Shirt Project, returning for another year, will be on the campus green Monday and Tuesday from 10 am to 2 pm. This project features tee-shirt making as a form of therapy for abused women, and presents them in a clothesline display for all to see.

There will be several other events held during the week to commemorate women, including the self-defense workshop in Davis Living Room on

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-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Davis RD Jon Berman has a special guest performance with Pen Fifteen at last week's AIDS Benefit concert. For the full story, see the A& E section on page 7.

Online crime reporting has low use rate

By Kay Saltmarsh
Voice Staff

Only one student in the past year has submitted a crime report to the online service provided by the Public Safety Department at Westfield State College (WSC) that gives students, faculty and staff the option of anonymously reporting any type of crime online, 24 hours a day.

Some students and faculty members think this service, Silent Witness, has not been very effective since many are not even aware of the option to report a crime online.

"I absolutely do not think this option is effective for students. If you're a student and someone breaks into your room, are you going to log on to your computer to report it?" Chief of Security, Ryan Forsythe said. "I wouldn't. I would call the police."

"I was not aware students had the option of reporting crime online," junior Mike Rosendale said. If he felt the need to, Rosendale said he would use this service, as long as it is secure and confidential.

Kelly Clark, a Communications major, also said she did not know there was this kind of service avail-

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SGA discusses NEASC, Price is Right, 'Battle'

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Mandy Miranda, President of the Student Government Association (SGA) said that the NEASC accreditation process is now under way and that students should get involved at the Student Government Association meeting Tuesday night.

Also at the meeting Kendra Sands, SGA Vice President of Student Life said that they are talking to Dr. Conlogue about having town hall meetings for the residence halls. Through these meetings they hope to be able to strengthen the Hall Council membership in each and every hall.

Fran Henderson, President of the Food Committee, said that Peter Stetson, Director of the Dining Commons, will be coming to SGA next week to talk about the renovations that will be taking place at the Dining Commons.

SGA Vice President of Programming, Maggie Smith, announced that almost everything is set for "The Price is Right," which will take place on Friday, March 23, in Dever Auditorium. Smith said that they have received over $1000 worth of prizes such as DVDs, phones, televisions, and calling cards.

Smith also announced, "Next week we will be holding the 'Battle of the Talents' competition." There are 12 groups signed up and one of these groups, according to Smith, will have the honor of opening at "WSC Spring Weekend." Smith reminded everyone to buy your tickets for spring weekend as soon as possible. Smith said, "There are a limited number of tickets, and tickets may sell out like last year."

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Forum to discuss faculty issues draws few students, no professors

By Adrienne Lamplough
Voice Reporter

The forum for the fifth standard on faculty for the self-study process of re-accreditation by New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) of Westfield State College (WSC), held on Wednesday night, was unsuccessful due to lack of faculty and students attending.

The decennial re-accreditation process begins with a self-study, done by six committees, to depict WSC's strengths and weaknesses, and then the study is given to NEASC before they come to campus to assess the college. Among other things, accreditation serves to ensure that the college is following their mission statement.

"This process is done every ten years to see that we maintain our accreditation," said Susan Quandt, Director of The Department of Continuing and Graduate Education (DGCE).

According to Quandt the open forum is a part of the self-study phase of our accreditation process. This is where faculty and students are encouraged to express concerns and give feedback about the faculty standards. The lack of an audience caused the agenda of the forum to take a different course where the only two students present happened to work for The Campus Voice.

Photo by Kelly Clarke

VP Lopes attended forum

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make from early ticket sales, and we ask that people bare with us while we try to secure a headlining act."

Mike Hurteau, a sophomore said, "I think if students are going to buy tickets, they will want to know who the headliner is first. I don't think as many students will buy them as they would if they knew who was headlining."

There are some confirmed bands for the Saturday of Spring Weekend, Smith said. These include Itchy Fish and Children of the Korn, she said. The first place winner of the Battle of the Talents will also be performing on Saturday. "Maggie is trying to provide a diverse group of performers for the students," said Barbara Hand, SGA advisor.

There will also be entertainment on Friday, April 27, Smith said. The second and third place winners of the Battle of the Talents will perform on Friday, she said, along with another band, which is to be announced. She said there will also be a hip hop dance party in the Third World Room, with a Westfield State DJ, and a late night pancake breakfast.

Hand said that there will not be any scheduled activities for Sunday, April 29, but there will be movies playing all day in the Ely Campus Center Main Lounge. "This will just be a place for students to come and relax," she said.

Hand also said the guest policy for the upcoming Spring Weekend will be similar to last year's. She said that the Apartments and Courtney Hall will each be allowed to have 50 guests. All other residence halls are allowed 30 guests each. She said that the Apartments and Courtney Hall are the halls that use the most guest passes, so they are allotted more. Smith said that last year was the first year there were limits on the amount of guests, but that all of the guest passes were not sold out, so there was not a problem.

There will be no major changes made to the Spring Weekend rules and regulations either, said Hand. "We are currently reviewing the rules and regulations and evaluating what worked and what may change," Hand said. She said that the finalizations of the rules will be made available to students in a few weeks, but there probably won't be many changes. "We want to get it out there soon though so students know what is required of them," Hand said.

She also said that there will be a 21+ alcohol section again this year. The beer area will be open from 1:30-5:30 on Saturday, she said. It will once again use drink tickets to distribute the alcohol.

Those interested in purchasing Spring Weekend tickets for themselves or their guests can do so at the Ely Service Window, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until April 6. If purchased before March 30, student tickets and guests of commuters and Apartments will be $15, while guests of dorm residences will be $32. If purchased from April 2-April 6, student tickets and guests of commuters and Apartments will cost $20, while guests of dorm residences will cost $37.

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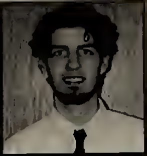
From the Editor's Desk



Battle to Celebrate WSC Talent

This year's annual two-day showcase of Westfield State creativity and culture promises to be yet again one of our college's biggest events of the year. In years past it has even sometimes drawn a bigger crowd than the event the Battle of the Talents was created to supplement.

This Tuesday and Wednesday night, the Ely Campus Center will turn into a mecca of WSC talent as musicians and dancers strut their stuff for a panel of judges, including the four class presidents, in "competition" for paid slots in Spring Weekend festivities. And though only the top three performers, in the opinions of volunteer judges, move on to the infamous Spring Weekend in April, I see the Battle of the Talents as a celebration of our diversity with an unprecedented amount of performers proving that our campus culture out-ranks our sister colleges statewide.

Last year I attended one of several rounds of the Battle of the Bands at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and found that at a college with more than 30,000 students, I was among a crowd of less than a dozen to support the acts. In contrast, the WSC Battle of the Talents, formerly known as the Battle of the Bands, attracts hundreds of students over the course of the event, despite being (ten times) smaller than UMass. For some unknown reason, our college attracts talented and creative students.

Think again if you believe MCLA, Bridgewater, or Fitchburg is drawing over a dozen bands and performers and hundreds of supporters. WSC's coffeehouse scene is a unique one and the campus community, including faculty, staff, and administration should make an attempt to stop in on the festivities and share in the glory of our humble institution.

Each performer will have 30 minutes on stage. They'll be judged on professionalism, crowd-appeal, musical accuracy and perhaps originality. Prizes will be $300 for first place and a spot on the "big" stage, the Saturday of Spring Weekend with Itchyfish and Children of the Korn. Second place will receive $200 and third place will receive $100 and both will have the opportunity to perform on Friday of Spring Weekend.

Former contenders included (two-year winners) reggae ska masters Groove Selector, formerly known as the Infamous Shoeless Joe (www.grooveselector.net) and the fantastic acoustic songwriters Exit 3 (www.exit3.com), who formed at the Battle two years ago and now play all over Arizona.

This year look forward to last year's winners: the Breakdancers. Returning performers include the punk ska band No Intention and rockers (shameless plug) Lloyds Hill. Also, look out for new talent on the scene including Carmella Rossomando's new band, Tarmac, Shirts Off in Advance, and Oregon Underground.

Don't miss this once-a-year event by hiding out in your dorm room, watching the campus channel for four years, or by barricading yourself in a cubicle while missing the full flavor of WSC. These performers should give you a feeling of pride in our college, something that most of us don't have, most of the time.

-R.J. Burgess III, Editor in Chief

SGA

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Tickets for WSC students, are $15 if bought before March 30 and $20 if bought between April 2 and April 6. Smith also noted that no tickets will be sold after April 6. Smith said that besides the winner of "Battle of the Talents," also performing at Spring Weekend are Children of the Korn, Itchy Fish, and a headliner that still has not been announced.

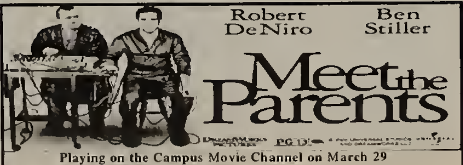
Newly appointed SGA secretary, Tom Amos, said that tickets to the Senate Banquet are on sale at the teller window. Tickets cost $28 for non-senators and $15 for senators.

Richard Walsh, of the Board of Governors, urged the entire Senate as well as the college community to go see the theatre department's production of "The Devils." The show will be taking place on April 4-7 and will be held in the Ely Black box theatre.

Meg Canning, president of the class of 2002, said that the class is sponsoring a trip to New York to see David Letterman. Canning said, "The trip will be on Thursday, April 26, and tickets are only $30."

Nancy Gardner, president of Courtney hall, said that the "Mr. Courtney" competitions went over very well, even though, according to Gardner, "It was snowing like a blizzard outside." Gardner was also extremely excited to say that at that event the hall raised "over $300 to give to Officer Williams."

During the announcements, it was announced that Professor Edwin Abar, of the Communications department, has been sick for a while and will not be coming back for the rest of the semester. Students were told if they wanted to send a get well card to him, you can drop it off in the Communications department office, and they will make sure that it gets to him.



Playing on the Campus Movie Channel on March 29

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able at WSC.

"This is definitely a good idea for students who see things and are afraid to report it," Clark said. "I would use it to report someone breaking into a car or someone's room, or to report domestic abuse and any other crime, as long as I remain anonymous."

"Providing the option for students, as well as faculty and staff members to report crime online is not mandated under state or federal laws," according to Captain of Public Safety Tony Casciano.

"Silent Witness is a service for the college to report crimes online and for those individuals who don't want to necessarily get involved," Casciano said. "It is a completely anonymous report and Public Safety follows up on any report that is received."

Silent Witness was placed on the Public Safety web page over a year ago and WSC borrowed it with permission from the University of Richmond, in Virginia, Casciano said.

"The option to report crime online hasn't been very successful," Casciano said. "I am disappointed that many times the college community sees crime occur on campus and does not report it."

Rosendale also said he thinks reporting crime online is a good option for those students who may not want to speak to Public Safety face to face.

"The alternative for students to report crime online gives students an easy opportunity to report a crime," Criminal Justice major Mike Mello said.

Mellow said he probably would not use this option because he would rather report a crime in person.

"It's not a bad idea to have this option. I think it's a supplement to existing support services already in place," Assistant Professor of Communications Nessim Watson said. "It certainly doesn't hurt to have the additional option of reporting a crime online."

Other ways crimes are reported to Public Safety are by phone calls, in person visits and by slipping anonymous notes under the door, Casciano said.

On the weekends, the site is not monitored and therefore, a crime that is reported on a weekend will not receive attention until Monday, Cascaino said.

The students and faculty agree there are ways Public Safety can inform the college community that Silent Witness exists.

Providing an orientation on how to access the site might be helpful in making students, faculty and staff aware they have the option of reporting crime online, Forsythe said.

"Posting signs around campus could also help to alert students they are provided with this service," Forsythe said. "However, I think its highly unlikely students will stop to read a sign about crime on campus."

A memo sent to faculty and staff members would assist with informing everyone at WSC that Silent Witness is an option, Watson said.

Students and faculty members also agreed that they have not seen many campus crimes in the time they have been at WSC.

"In the two years I've been at WSC, I haven't seen or heard of any crime on campus, other than cars that had been broken into in the South Lot," Clark said.

A lot of the crime that happens on campus occurs between the South Lot and dorm rooms, Professor Watson said.

"The only crime I've witnessed is people parking in the faculty lot," Watson said.

"Crime is an issue everywhere," Rosendale said. "I think crime is a part of WSC, but there doesn't seem to be an over amount of reports on campus."

Assigned officers who are on duty research the reports and at times, two officers are assigned to a case, depending on the situation, Casciano said.

"My computer is on all day long, so I am consistently checking to see if we receive any reports online throughout the day," Casciano said.

When referring to crime on campus, Casciano says there are three elements of crime: the ability to create the crime, the desire and the opportunity.

One way to avoid crime is to be aware of your environment and know what is going on around you at all times, Casciano said.

"What we need to do is to eliminate those elements of crime here at WSC," Casciano said.

Forum

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According to Professor Gerald Tetrault, he was not involved on the open forum about the fifth standard concerning the faculty.

At the last Student Government Association (SGA) meeting, President Mandy Miranda said that the re-accreditation process was an important one that students should get involved in. The student representative for the open forum from SGA was Justine Young, class of 2002. Justine failed to attend the forum. Justine Young was not available for comment.

The assumed agenda that was to be followed would address issues concerning the faculties workload and support, faculty effectiveness and faculty organization among other topics. This course was not followed but other topics arose after Vice-President Lopes changed the agenda and answered questions about registration and the lack of classes, the drinking policy on campus and the inability for first-year and returning students to obtain on-campus housing.

Women's Week

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Monday from 7-8 pm, a "Take Back the Night" march on Tuesday night on the Ely stairs from 7-7:30 pm, followed by a Candlelight vigil from 7:30- 8 pm. There will be a women's health fair on Wednesday from 10 am- 2 pm, and on Saturday from 8 pm- 12am there will be an all female DJ "Saturday Night Live."

Classes open to the campus community will be offered all week long. Classes such as "Women Writers of West Africa," "Women and the Revolution," and "Women and Health Care," will be offered in Bates and Ely all week.

One of the events on the agenda for the Week Celebrating Women, is a banquet on March 30th to recognize the women who have made a difference in our lives.

"Students were encouraged to nominate the women in their lives that have made a difference," said Sue Lamontagne of Student Affairs. During the banquet the nominees will be given certificates and flowers to honor their recognition.

The College is also hosting a poster display of notable women on March 26th at 4:30 in the Ely Campus Center.

Before the display begins, a reception hosted by the Women's Studies and Multicultural and Ethnic Studies Departments will be held as an opening to bring in faculty, students, and administration to view the posters, said Prof. Vanessa Holford Diana of the English Dept.

"The poster display will be interdisciplinary," Diana said. "The art work is made by WSC students profiling women from all different fields."

The posters will be held on display during the whole week in the Ely Campus Center Main Lounge.

There is also a Logo Contest for a design wanted by the Women's Studies Department for The Week Celebrating Women of 2002. The winner of the contest will win a $100 cash prize.

The entries for the contest are due by March 29th in the Women's Studies Department. Julie Warner, the student in charge of the event, was unavailable for comment.

Professor Erika Pilver of the Political Science Department is in charge of the week, but was also unavailable for comment.

Voice of The Week

Vanessa Holford Diana

***POSITION AT WSC*: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH**

***HOMETOWN:* DENVILLE, NEW JERSEY, BUT LIVES IN WESTFIELD NOW**

***FAMILY:* HUSBAND, 3 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AND 17 MONTH OLD SON**

***YEARS AT WSC*: THIS IS HER FIRST YEAR**

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Cancun rethinks its role as a mecca for Spring Break

By Lee Romney
Los Angeles Times

CANCUN, Mexico - It's a Tuesday night and time for the "Booze Cruise," an all-you-can-drink extravaganza billed as "the wildest party in the Caribbean. ... If you can remember, it's sure to be a night you will not soon forget!!!"

After wet T-shirt and "hot body" contests at the island destination, organizers call out for a pair of men's underpants. Jeremy Ross, 21, complies, stripping naked. This is the first spring break visit here for the student from Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island, and it's all about the party.

"It was hot," said Ross, who was lured to Cancun by MTV's coverage of the sex-and-sand vacation packages.

With a drinking age of 18 and plenty of free booze promotionals, Cancun bills itself as an alcohol lover's paradise. The promotions have paid off: Cancun, where the worst of Mexican and U.S. cultures arguably collide, ranks as the No. 1 destination for U.S. students on spring break, surpassing Jamaica and once-popular Florida spots, according to leading student travel brokers.

Talk to officials here, however, and you might think that Cancun was the capital of the mixed message. Responding largely to excesses of years past, the Office of Tourism has stepped up a campaign to plaster hotel rooms, discos and bars with English-language posters and placards asking that students "Be Cool While in Cancun."

Students are asked to sign a code of conduct when they land at the airport. "I received the warning note from the local authorities," it says. "Now I know the rules." Those include: No public sex or nudity. No drinking or urinating in the street. No free rides on public transport. And no rudeness or disruptions of public order.

The campaign is not new. But city officials - increasingly stung by the mixed reputation that the seasonal bash bestows on Cancun - have vowed to enforce rules more aggressively this year. Reports of crime targeting U.S. students on spring break also are on the rise as Cancun's population swells to serve the booming tourist industry. The incidents have prompted warnings from the U.S. State Department, which also advises students to obey Mexican laws of decency.

Partying at Senor Frog's in Cancun, Mexico.
-File photo.

The result for Cancun: a delicate effort to castigate wild behavior while welcoming the dollars that students bring.

"They come to have fun and they are welcome here, but they have to maintain a certain conduct," said Manuel Escalante Sosa, director of special projects for the local Office of Tourism, who is heading efforts to tone down the celebration. "We don't want to tarnish the image of Cancun."

Rachel Sater, a marketing coordinator for Los Angeles-based STA Travel, which bills itself as the world's largest student travel agency, puts it more bluntly.

"I feel sorry for the Mexican government," she said. "I'm sure they don't want people throwing up in the streets and taking their clothes off, but they want the revenue."

The dance of excess, offense and capitalism plays out each year in this Caribbean theme park at the northeastern tip of the Yucatan Peninsula. As many as 100,000 college students descend on Cancun each year in a six-week bacchanal that begins in late February and peaks in mid-March.

Baltimore-based Student Travel Services, the main supplier of spring break packages to STA Travel and smaller agencies, sent 9,000 students last weekend alone.

An elongated strip of 142 hotels, Cancun exists purely on tourist dollars. Some industry sectors, such as bars and discotheques, earn as much as 70 percent of their annual revenue from the travelers dubbed "los spring breakers," said Julian Balbuena, general manager of Best Day Tours, which organizes the Booze Cruise and tamer tourist events.

The students fill about 15 percent of Cancun's more than 25,000 hotel rooms weekly during the season, pushing overall occupancy to 90 percent, Escalante said. That means fully 75 percent are filled with older tourists, in some of the most elegant hotels in the Americas. But the college crowd is most noticeable.

Some hotels - including the Melia Cancun and Cancun Palace - are rejecting the spring breakers outright this year because of the damage they cause. Most others require a $100-a-person damage deposit.

For Cancun residents, reactions range from bemusement to disgust.

"I've never been to the U.S., but I hear it's nothing like it is here," said Alejandra Rojas, a 29-year-old waitress at Tequila Boom, a spring break dance spot.

"People have sex under the tables and in the phone booths."

For Rojas, the job pays well, and night work allows her to spend more time with her 8-year-old daughter. But she said not all the locals can stomach the raunchy contests and behavior.

"They come here and feel like kings of the world," she said of the students. "Sometimes they create disasters and break things."

The disrespect is mutual. Some spring breakers complain of being overcharged and mistreated. "They won't serve you your free drinks unless you tip them, and they're so mean," said Marla Beck, 19, a Johnson & Wales student who said she unwittingly paid the equivalent of $50 for a drink and wasn't offered change.

Even Mexicans concede that the U.S. students are sometimes gouged. "In reality, they're robbed," said Primitivo Garcia Balderas, a waiter at a relatively upscale restaurant that does not attract too many spring break revelers.

Some spring breakers allege far worse: "They stole my clothes. They drugged me. They called me a whore, and then they kicked me out of the hotel," said a 19-year-old American student who believes that her drink was spiked and that she was then sexually assaulted at her hotel pool by a local.

She did not call police out of fear, she said, nor did she notify the U.S. consular representative in Cancun. Instead, she racked up $1,000 in long-distance calls to her mom, who helped place her in a different hotel.

The consular office in Cancun referred calls about spring break troubles to the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. A spokesman there would not provide data on complaints or crime reports but noted that the State Department Fact Sheet on spring break in Cancun, released Feb. 22, refers to "increasing reports of crime."

It advises travelers that such crimes as rape "sometimes involve alcohol and the discotheque environment" and that belongings should not be left on the beach unattended.

Cancun officials and tour operators say problems are far from representative. The vast majority of tourists are older than 18, they add, and legally responsible for their behavior.

Estrogen use could increase risk of terminal ovarian cancer

By Susan Okie
Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Women who take the hormone estrogen for 10 years or more after menopause substantially increase their risk of dying of ovarian cancer compared with women who do not take the hormone, according to a study released Tuesday.

In the American Cancer Society study of more than 211,000 post-menopausal women, those with any history of using hormone replacement therapy had a somewhat higher death rate from ovarian cancer than non-users. But risk was highest for those who had taken estrogen for a decade or more, especially among recent users.

"The study's very compelling because of its size and its prospective nature," said James Lacey, an epidemiologist with the National Cancer Institute. The study is being published tomorrow in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Ovarian cancer is rare - an average women's lifetime risk of developing the disease is less than 1 in 50. However, it is particularly serious because in most cases, the tumor has spread by the time it is detected. In the United States, ovarian cancer kills about 14,000 women annually.

In 1982, ACS researchers administered a detailed questionnaire about lifestyle and possible cancer risk factors to more than 1.2 million people. Then they periodically obtained information from death certificates and tabulated cancer deaths among the participants.

A total of 944 women in the study died of ovarian cancer during 14 years of follow-up, including 255 women who had reported taking hormones after menopause and 689 who had not. The researchers did not obtain specific information on the types of hormones taken, but at the time the study began it was still common practice among doctors to prescribe estrogen alone rather than estrogen plus progesterone.

In their followup, researchers found that women who had been taking estrogen in 1982 and who had taken it for 10 or more years had more than twice the death rate from ovarian cancer seen in women who had not taken the hormone. Among former users who had taken estrogen for a decade or longer, the death rate was 1.6 times that seen in non-users.

If women "are thinking of taking (hormones) for a short period of time, they don't need to consider ovarian cancer," said Carmen Rodriguez, an ACS epidemiologist and the study's principal author. "But if they are thinking of taking them for a long period of time, they should discuss it with their doctors."

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Brown debates free speech

PAMELA FERDINAND
WASHINGTON POST

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - With midterms underway before the relief of spring break here, already stressed-out Brown University students are embroiled in a raging civil liberties debate.

The furor commenced March 13 with a paid, full-page advertisement in the campus newspaper opposing reparations to compensate black descendants of American slaves.

A coalition of students who considered it offensive demanded that the Brown Daily Herald provide free rebuttal space and donate equivalent ad revenue to one of the university's minority organizations. The editors refused. And on Friday, all 4,000 copies of the Herald disappeared from campus newsstands within minutes of their delivery.

There have been no fistfights, no expletive-filled shouting matches or threats of violence. But the debate over race and free speech has deeply divided this liberal Ivy League community, with attention focused as much on the merits of the ad itself as on the controversial manner in which it was protested.

"This is just the latest stage of a 15-year decline in respect for free expression on college campuses," said Harvey Silverglate, a Boston lawyer and co-director of the nonprofit Foundation for Individual Rights in Education in Philadelphia. "It should have come as a surprise to nobody that students would seek to enforce their own ideas about what they deem offensive ideas by vigilante tactics."

Not so fast, said Lewis Gordon, Brown University director of Afro-American studies and a professor of religious studies, who defended the coalition's actions.

"If something is free, you can take as many copies as you like," said Gordon who has received hate mail and phone calls at his office.

"This is not a free speech issue. It is a hate speech issue."

Campus publications have been condemned before for publishing - or refusing to publish - provocative views. Just this week, 100 protesters denounced the Harvard Crimson in Cambridge for printing an opinion piece that criticized Asian-American students for a culture of "self-segregation." Editors expressed regret that the "piece was not edited more judiciously."

In his advertisement, titled "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Blacks is a Bad Idea for Blacks - and Racist, Too," conservative commentator David Horowitz focused on a subject that has been gaining momentum among civil rights groups and others nationwide.

Horowitz, who is president of the Center for the Study of Popular Culture in Los Angeles, called reparations "one more attempt to turn African-Americans into victims" and asserted that black Americans are better off economically than black Africans. He also asked why white Americans should owe a debt if most of their ancestors did not own slaves.

Of 51 schools to which Horowitz sent the ad, 21 rejected it and nine accepted it. Brown's is the only Ivy League college newspaper that has run the ad. Three other colleges, including the University of California at Berkeley, subsequently apologized for printing it. But at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where 100 protesters stormed its office, the student newspaper refused to apologize, saying it would hinder free speech.

That is the same position held by Daily Herald editors, whose debate over whether to run the ad was, in one editor's words, "very short and remarkably one-sided."

"We don't print anything that is illegal or libelous. But other than that, we don't really reject advertising, and we certainly don't reject advertising on its political content," said editor-in-chief Brooks King. "It's disgraceful not to run an ad because people on your campus are going to disagree with it."

One student columnist resigned in protest; another considered following suit. Once the ad appeared, King said coalition members told him that if he did not meet their demands, "your paper is not going to be seen on this campus starting next Wednesday."

The next day, ahead of schedule, the newspapers disappeared. The Herald reprinted 1,000 copies Saturday, and staff members distributed them under the watchful eyes of a police escort.

Meanwhile, Horowitz reportedly sent King an e-mail commendation.
"This is a battle against campus fascism because that's what it is – as crucial as any I can think of," he wrote.

Support has come from organizations on and off campus, including the local NAACP chapter. Incoming president Ruth J. Simmons, the first black woman to head an Ivy League school, did not comment.

But interim President Sheila E. Blumstein said the university "supports the Herald's right to publish any material it chooses, even if that material is objectionable to members of the campus community."

Westfield State College Department of Music Presents:
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Don't Call Me Baby

KATHERINE MANNING

Recently I was substitute teaching for a fourth grade class that was doing a unit on Clara Barton, outstanding woman as well as founder of the American Red Cross. Some refer to her as a true "activist for human rights." Although this is ultimately what made her famous, Clara had several accomplishments throughout her life that made a difference.

While spending time in Washington D.C., she was one of the first to protest the immorality of slavery and predicted through her keen intuition that a war would break out over it, as she proved to be correct. Soon thereafter, she witnessed impoverished communities being denied public education and seeing this as wrong, she established the first free and public funded school in New York State, although they would not allow her to remain president due to her sex. Before she founded the Red Cross, she had bravely ventured out into battlefields without so much as a flinch, as it was more important for her to save lives. However, the moral of the story is that she never gave up for what she believed to be right, even at the age of 90, when she died.

Back to the year 2001. When the first class that I taught this lesson to discussed the life of Clara Barton, I observed how prompt the children were to relating stories of this passionate woman to someone that they have known in their own life. Therefore, the next day when I had a different fourth grade class with the same lesson, I asked them a question that I had speculated would raise a good number of hands in the class. Although my main motive for asking this question was to keep them from taking up class time by telling stories as fourth graders do, I actually had an outcome that I didn't expect. In turn, I learned something from them.

The question that I posed for the children was whether or not they knew someone who had the same unwavering, fiery spirit that Clara had, and if so, to raise their hands. Although I anticipated a few, I did not expect the whole class to raise their hands, which is what happened.

The reason why I learned a lesson is because, due to the fact that I had been so focused on teaching the lesson of Clara Barton herself, I neglected to realize in my own mind that there are so many other women that were like Clara Barton, and that are still around today. Although Clara Barton surely had some great accomplishments, her story was not so much unlike others, and I too know someone who's spirit resembles hers, and I'm sure that some of you reading this may feel like one of those fourth graders, just dying to tell your story of someone like her.

Well now, the good news is that you can. As part of "Women's Celebration Week", on Friday, March 30'th at six o'clock in the Scanlon Banquet Hall, our school is holding the first dinner that will allow you to do this in the history of our school as well as others, I am quite sure. The name of this event is titled "The Women's Recognition Banquet", and it will give all participants a chance to bring this special woman along with you to tribute her, and perhaps even have an award presented to her. Although Jacqueline Sheehan, one of the founders of this banquet says that not all essays can be awarded, anyone can take part in this marvelous occasion that someone should have thought about long ago. Anyway, these kids were honest and if they had had no clue what I was talking about, wouldn't have violently flailed their arms about in the air.

K. Manning is a Voice Columnist

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What do you think of the new time schedule for next fall?

"I THINK IT'S A LITTLE EARLY."

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A Day in the Life

ANGELA LAPIERRE

During my 19 years of life on this planet, I have been to many different locations. I was raised and graduated from high school in Milford, MA. I have lived in Nashua, NH, for almost 2 years. I have visited friends in Watertown, Burlington, Ipswich, and Bellingham. I have traveled to such places in the United States as Florida, New York City, and Washington D.C. I have also been to such places outside the U.S. as England, Scotland, and France. But now that I have been a student and resident at Westfield State College for almost 2 years now, I have come to a realization. There are certain things that happen ONLY at Westfield State College. This leads me to my installment of"Weird and Wacky Things That Happen Only at Westfield State College."

Only at Westfield State College:

...can you see a guy walking around in shorts EVERY DAY even when it's 10 below zero! (you know who you are...)

...can you get a 5-5-50. I'm not going to get into great depth about this, but I think the idea is pointless. I can't think of any other college in Massachusetts that has such a strict alcohol policy. At "ZooMass," you can walk down the street with a beer in your hand and nobody would be the wiser. I hate to break the news to the regulators who come up with such policies as the 5-5-50, but students are going to find ways to drink illegally, regardless of how many rules you put in front of them. Why not try a little reverse psychology instead?

...can you go to advising in one department where you feel relaxed and you can make small talk with your advisor, only to go to another department to feel rushed and completely confused.

...can you go to registration, not get ANY of the classes you really want or actually need, and walk out of there feeling totally frustrated. This is only to come back a few months later, drop the classes you got, and overload into the classes you wanted in the first place.

...can you hop onto public transportation and get acquainted with (and fear) the "townies." You've gotta love the guy at the front of the bus who's asleep in a puddle of drool, the guy who talks to himself to the point of shouting, and the 300-pound woman with no teeth who stinks up the bus. Oh yes, it's tons of fun on the Red 10.

...can you see a girl wearing go-go boots, a Britney Spears-like midriffshirt and 20 pounds of make-up/Aqua Net sitting next to you, wearing sweats and generally looking like crap at 8:30 in the morning. These girls are in my classes EVERY semester, and I've gotta laugh every time I see them because there's 2 questions I've always wanted to ask them: 1) Doesn't your stomach get frostbite? After all, this is Westfield, home of wind and snowstorms from hell, not Cancun. I don't think you'd be laughing if your belly button ring froze onto a pole like that kid's tongue on "A Christmas Story." 2) Aren't you a little afraid to walk into Chemistry lab? One false move in those go-go boots and you're screwed because your hair will come head on with a bunsen burner. Did I mention that Aqua Net is VERY FLAMMABLE?

...can you encounter someone as charming and delightful as Dottie in the Dining Commons. She's just a ray of sunshine on my day when she walks over to my table and yells, "TRAYS!"

Hope you guys enjoyed my look into some of the oddities at WSC. I'd write about more of them, but that would mean I'd have to write a book. Anyway, stay tuned next week for more of A Day in the Life...

A. LaPierre is a Voice Columnist

Class on dealing with homosexuality being offered by the psychology department

To The Editor;

Certainly the only positive result of the recent homophobic incident on campus is that in classrooms and e-mails, the issue is being discussed. It is inappropriate that any individual is personally attacked because diversity is not embraced. What is also disturbing is that individuals would choose such a manner to communicate their feelings. In the spring, 2001 semester, we will be teaching a course entitled. FROM DISORDER TO ORIENTATION: HOW the field of psychology has dealt with homosexuality. We would like to invite students to participate in the class. We extend that welcome to those who have negative attitudes about homosexuality to engage in discussions in an appropriate setting where opinions can be expressed in safety.

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MARK HITE

All hail the German band with the name which kind of means, "the bat crap apes!" However to compare this band to any kind of fecal matter would be the lamest thing anyone could ever do.

The foursome is back once again with this latest effort which is twice as rocking as their "Proud Like A God" release which came out in the states about a year ago. This CD is without a doubt one of the most addicting CDs I've reviewed this semester! What exactly makes this CD addicting? Its all in the multiple styles folks!

Basically, this CD can change gears quicker than you drive to it. And with the voice of lead vocalist Sandra leading the charge, this disc is guaranteed to slice right through steel. The CD opens up with the rocking yet melancholy feel of "Innocent Greed."

However, the second track "No Speech" is without a doubt the most rocking songs on the CD! The song starts with a slow intro, which leads to a load of catchy hooks and captivating bouncy beats. Sandra gets right in your face with up front vocals that will demand your assisstance in singing along.

Of course, like the first album, there is a fine mix of slow speed songs mixed into the fun up-tempo rock format such as Living In A Lie. Slow yet mellowing to the bone, the sóng provides the listener with a fine 5-minute head-swaying experience.

The track "Too Close To Leave" is an unexpected jaw dropper which takes on a smooth almost R&B feel with a funky guitar melody and a "let's go make love" pace! Sandra once again shows her versitality, giving the listener a voice that would make even the best of "divas" jealous.

However, even though the band throws out these variations in song styles, they remain true to the Fun rock which has brought them fame so far. However, the band is never afraid to mix in a plethora of different sounds. For example, "Mine All Mine" features a fine Spanish guitar line througbout the whole song.

The first single "Dodel Up" has a fun bouncy bass line which, has almost a humerous feel. "Gogan" is absolutely chaotic from its prickling guitar beginning to its explosive ending.

If you are lucky you will get your hands on the limited Digi Pack which contains three extra tracks. Two of them are excellent unplugged versions of the tracks "Living In A Lie" and "Anne Claire."

To put it simply this CD is absolutely amazing. The mix of genres alone will impress just about any rock fan. Mix that with an outstanding vocal performance from Sandra and you have the winning combination for an awesome CD.

Mark Hite is a Voice Columnist

Over a dozen act perform at last week's Westfield State AIDS Benefit in Ely

BY JED DION & JESSICA NORDEN
VOICE STAFF

-File Photo

Ken Macy performed at last week's AIDS Benefit.

An AIDS benefit concert took place last Wednesday in the Ely Campus Center. The three-dollar ticket charge went towards the Alive and Well Aids Foundation which was founded by Christine Maggiore. The foundation focuses on working with people who are HIV positive. The foundation's mission is simply to educate people on medical discoveries and to clear rumors or misinformation.

The event was dreamed up and put to life by Wayne Hsiao, a student at Westfield State College.

"I got the idea from people who have done this in the past. I feel that there should be more of these benefit concerts because not only does it help a good cause, it gets people together to listen to music and be aware of the cause," said Hsiao. All of the sound and food was provided by Mayzenway Publishing House, an Arts and Entertainment company started by Hsiao.

"I came up with the event, but with the help of many people, my plan became a reality," said Hsiao. Major help for the event came from the nineteen performers who came out to play. The night kicked off with Hsiao himself and his group Wayzen. Other WSC regulars included Erica May, Tim Moynihan and Amanda Jenkins, who featured Jordohn Bileau and the WSC Dance Club.

"This goes towards something positive. To do something small and help people out," said Amanda Jenkins.

"Wayne did an excellent job putting this together. It's going to be a great night," said Moynihan.

With a half hour each, the performers differed in styles ranging from solo performances like Lisa Lawrence and groups or duos like Oli, Oregon Underground, Pen Fifteen and the Ens. Off campus bands such as Clarias, Hospital and Kahoots made their way out to the campus to perform for the cause.

"We've played here before and we had a lot of fun. The people have always been real nice to us," said Mark Schwaber of Hospital. The band is from the valley, spreading their light rock sounds around the area for years. The drummer of Hospital jumped behind the kit for Kahoots, another band of similar genre. The band played roughly nine songs in the short time they were allowed to play.

"This is a good time for people to get together to support a good cause and with good music too," said Adam Marotte, an audience member. Swarms of people appeared as The Elements Crew took the floor. As bass tones shook the room, the army of breakdancers added their touch to the nights festivities. For a half hour the group flipped, bounced, spun and danced as the audience appluaded.

"I came to support the benefit and for the food," said audience member Matt Lewandowski.

"The benefit is for a good cause and I like doing that. It's always good to get the campus involved. I love playing so this is a good experience," said performer Nathan Sigman.

Two members of local band Groove Selector, Chris Reagan and Justin Calcasola, performed a series of covers which included Bob Marley and Men at Work. With acoustic guitars in hand, the audience got a different taste of the two's music ability. Calcasola who usually just sings even strummed a few chords.

Next up was solo performer Mike Doherty whose brief performance included the cover song "Outside" by Aaron Lewis. The three piece So Real took the stage for the second time of the night. The group played a few songs earlier when a performer didn't show up. With the bands first demo CD almost ready, the band played an energetic mix of light rock which featured Kristin Fehlau on vocals, Corey Davis on guitar and Steve Becker on drums.

"Music is a good way to get through to people, so this was a great idea," said Fehlau.

The night's festivities ended with Celestial Drum, a percussion group. Consisting of a wide variety of percussion, the group improvised for about fifteen minutes before ending at around one o'clock. The eight hour concert rasied close to five hundred dollars, all of which will be donated to the Alive and Well Foundation as soon as possible. The event drew a decent amount of people, as musical gatherings often do on campus. The night also provided a look at some of the acts gearing up for the Battle of the Talents coming up at the end of the month.

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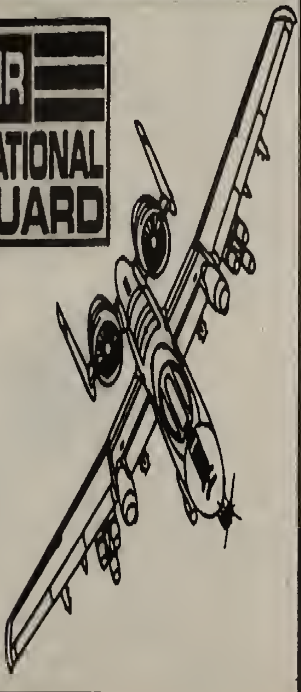

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WINNERS

DIV. I - WILDCATS

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INDOOR SOCCER

WINNERS

WOMEN'S - CORPORATE GIRLS

MEN'S - 244

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Tue. 12a-2a
Wed. 12a-2a
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Fri. 9p-11p
Sat. 3p-8p
Sun. 11p-2a

■ Not on a team, but want to play? Call x5424

■ All Schedules are posted in Ely outside Room 231. Please check the schedules DAILY for game times! If you cannot make a game you are scheduled for, you MUST notify the Intramurals office immediately! (x5424) 24 hour notice for cancelling a game or you will receive a forfeit.

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Athletics Hall Of Fame To Enshrine Six

Lou Ann Simchak

Miles Woodhouse

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Six former Westfield State greats have been selected for induction into the College's Athletics Hall of Fame.

The seventh annual inductions will take place this Saturday evening, March 31, 2001, at Scanlon Banquet Hall on the Westfield State campus. Following the inductions this spring there will be 57 members in the prestigious Hall.

The Class of 2001 inductees include: Paul Bracken ('80), ice hockey; Chris Moukas ('77), men's soccer; Tim Parker ('73), basketball; Lou Ann Simchak ('77), softball/basketball; Bill Weber ('75), baseball; and Miles Woodhouse ('90), track and field.

Tickets for the banquet can be purchased by calling the athletics department at 572-5405.

PAUL BRACKEN

Paul Bracken was a standout player for the highly successful Westfield State ice hockey teams of the late 1970s. He ranks as the second all-time leading scorer in Westfield State history with 222 points: 102 goals and 122 assists in 103 games played.

He was the leading goal scorer in the ECAC in 1978, when the Owls finished 20-2 and captured the ECAC championship, and team captain from 1978-80. Bracken also was one of the top five scorers in the ECAC in 1977 and 1979, and an ECAC All-Star in 1978 and 1979.

During his four years at Westfield State, the Owls played in four ECAC Tournaments and posted an aggregate record of 75-27. In addition, he was a star intramurals athlete at Westfield State.

CHRIS MOUKAS

Chris Moukas was one of the star players of Westfield State's powerful soccer teams of the 1970s. During his four years at Westfield, the Owls compiled an aggregate record of 61-13-4, captured two Mass. State Conference championships, and participated in four NCAA Tournaments, including a third-place finish nationally in 1974.

The Athens, Greece, native ranks fifth on the College's all-time scoring list with 134 points (51 goals, 32 assists). The 1977 Westfield State graduate was an All New England selection during his junior year in 1975. He was a team co-captain in 1976 and received the Most Promising Freshman Award in 1973 when the Owls made their first NCAA Tournament appearance. In 1974, after his game-winning goal vs. Framingham State, the Owls were off to Wheaton, Ill., to challenge for the national title.

TIM PARKER

Tim Parker stood tall for the men's basketball team in the early 1970s as a scoring and rebounding threat. The Springfield native still holds school records for rebounds in a game (28), and rebounds per game in a season (17.4) and career (14.9).

The 1973 Westfield State graduate ranks 10th on the all-time scoring list with 1,178 points despite missing all but four games of his sophomore season because of an illness.

Parker, a 6-7 forward with an excellent shooting touch from the outside, was an All-East and a New England State All Conference selection for the Owls. He received the Westfield State College Lettermen's Club Outstanding Athlete Award in 1972 when he averaged 20.9 points and 17.4 rebounds per game. He also was a regional all-star selection his freshman year when he averaged 17.4 points and 13.4 rebounds.

Following his graduation from Westfield State, Parker played professional basketball in Holland for 11 years before retiring at the age of 33.

LOU ANN SIMCHAK

Lou Ann Simchak is one of the finest all around athletes in Westfield State history. The Westfield native excelled in basketball and softball while attending Westfield State from 1975-77.

In basketball, she was the team Most Valuable Player in 1975 and received an invitation to the Olympic basketball tryouts in 1976.

In softball, the 1977 Westfield State graduate was the team MVP in 1976 and a key player on the 1975 squad that posted an 18-2 record and captured the Mass. State championship. Simchak batted .508 that season with 30 runs batted in and a team-high six home runs. She was a standout catcher with a career batting average of .494.

Simchak went on to have a stellar 15-year semi-pro softball career with the Westfield Whips. She was a five-time all-star selection, team MVP, a seven-time captain, and participated in three national tournaments with the highly regarded fast pitch team. Simchak also competed on the international level with a U.S. Eastern All-Star team vs. the Venezuela national team.

During her high school years, Simchak found the time to participate in five sports: basketball, softball, field hockey, tennis, and track and field. She was the Westfield High School Most Valuable Player in basketball for three years and for a year in softball. In track and field, Simchak was the Western Mass. champion for two years in both the javelin and the 440-yard dash. She was selected the high school's top athlete during her senior year in 1972.

BILL WEBER

Bill Weber's pitching prowess vaulted Westfield State College into national prominence in baseball in the 1970s. During his senior season in 1975, the Owls posted the best record in school history (32-8) and earned their first ever bid to the NCAA Tournament, where they played six games before losing to Montclair State in the Northeast regional finals.

Weber set school records during his senior season that still stand today for victories (9), pitching starts (12), and innings pitched (83 2/3). He was selected to the Massachusetts State all conference team and was a team captain.

During his junior year, Weber became the first Westfield State baseball player to be named to an NCAA District All-Star team, as well as All New England. He compiled a 6-2 record and a 1.09 earned run average. He pitched 57 innings, allowing only 41 hits, seven earned runs and 19 walks, while striking out 44.

MILES WOODHOUSE

Miles Woodhouse ('90) is the most decorated athlete in the history of the tradition-rich men's track and field program, excelling both on the national and regional levels.

The talented Jamaica Plain native earned All America honors five times in his outstanding four-year career, including four times in his specialty: the triple jump. He is the only Westfield State athlete to achieve All America honors more than twice, and the first to achieve All America status in two events.

Among his national accolades are: nine-time national qualifier; All America triple jumper for both the 1989 and 1990 indoor and outdoor seasons; and All America member of the 1600 indoor relay team in 1988.

Regionally, Woodhouse garnered All New England honors 19 times. He was a 10-time All New England (Divisions I, II, III) performer, and nine times placed in the New England Division III championships, including a first place in the triple jump during the 1989 outdoor season.

Woodhouse dominated the competition in the Mass. State Conference outdoor championships, claiming seven individual crowns, including the 400 intermediate hurdles for four consecutive years.

Woodhouse set a conference record in the triple jump and still holds the school record. In addition, he is the former school record holder in the 400 hurdles.

During his four years at Westfield, Woodhouse helped to lead the Owls four conference championships; a second and third place, respectively, in the 1988 and 1989 New England Division III outdoor championships; sixth place finishes in three New England Division III finals; and a 10th place in the 1988 indoor nationals.

Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference
2000-2001 Howard C. Smith Cup Standings

Place	School	Points	Possible Points	%
1st	Westfield	26	48	.542
2nd	Bridgewater	19	48	.395
3rd	Salem	18.67	48	.389
4th	Worcester	19	54	.352
T-5th	Fitchburg	10.67	54	.198
T-5th	Framingham	10.67	54	.198
7th	Mass College	4	42	.095
8th	Mass Maritime	0	24	.000

Softball Edged In Extra Innings

NEWHAVEN - The Westfield State softball team had a tough day in its northern opener, played March 20 in New Haven, Conn., as it lost to Albertus Magnus, 6-5, in 9 innings.

The second game of the scheduled double header was called because of darkness with one out in the bottom of the fifth inning and Westfield leading, 3-0; therefore, the game and statistics do not count.

In the opener, Westfield scored three runs in the top of the fourth to take a 3-1 lead. The host team scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth, then Westfield sent the game into extra innings with a run in the sixth.

The Owls scored a run in the ninth inning, but Albertus Magnus rallied for two runs in its final at bat for the exciting victory.

Both teams collected 11 hits. Sophomore Roberta St. Peters pounded a double and single for Westfield. Freshman Sarah Simmons was the losing pitcher.

Notices

Progress reports are in for freshman student-athletes. To view them, stop by Ely 246 from 3 to 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Westfield High School needs assistant coaches for girls' track and field and lacrosse. WSC students who have experience and knowledge are urged to call Westfield High School athletics director Al Nummy at 572-6484.

Senior Jamie Vielmetti, left, and junior A.J. LaBelle pose for the camera after receiving their All Conference certificates at the Mass. State Conference postseason basketball tournament. Vielmetti also was named Conference Co-Player of the Year. Last week Vielmetti added two more awards to her trophy case; the South Deerfield native was named third team All New England and also was selected to play in the New England Senior All-Star Game. The All-Star game was held prior to the NCAA Division III national championships, held in Danbury, Conn., on March 17.
Photo By Mickey Curtis

ACROSS
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6 Number
11 Cut off
13 Simple dessert
15 Bellowed
16 Make lively
17 For fear that
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26 Away from the wind
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39 Sit for an artist
40 Box
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44 Wedding promise
45 Actress — Dawn Chong
46 Grumble
48 Where Japan is
49 Makes beloved
51 Nuclear energy device
53 Concerning nutrition
54 Snuggles
55 Actress Edie —
56 — limit

I love comics, and I olso lave Meg! I lave oll af you, toa! But, for now, I shall just tell you to just read the comics here, and send some of your own. ENJOY!!!!

DOWN
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2 Barnyard denizen
3 Surfeit
4 Nibble
5 Pipe handle
6 Small hollows
7 Tennis pro Nastase
8 School of whales
9 Native of Florence
10 Gargantuan
11 Muslim's religion
12 Foods
13 Measuring instrument
14 Katmandu's land
19 Lack
23 Cracked grain
25 Topeka's state
26 ABA member
27 Saucy look
29 Hero's deed
30 Flag color
32 Toward the rising sun
33 Greece's neighbor
34 Withdrew formally
35 Put in order
36 Long letter
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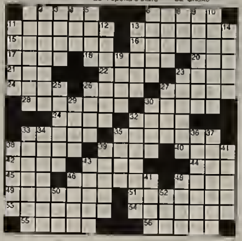
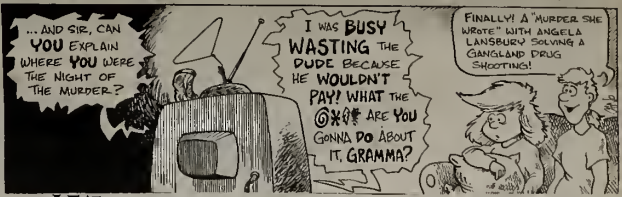


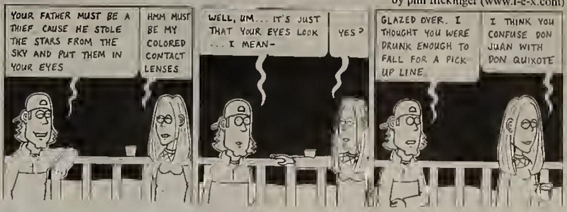
FREE LUNCH

By Brian Cano

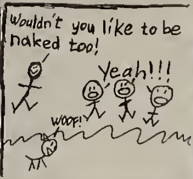

...AND SIR, CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHERE YOU WERE THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER?
I WAS BUSY WASTING THE DUDE BECAUSE HE WOULDN'T PAY! WHAT THE @*#! ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT, GRAMMA?
FINALLY! A "MURDER SHE WROTE" WITH ANGELA LANSBURY SOLVING A GANGLAND DRUG SHOOTING!

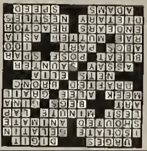
LEX

by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)


YOUR FATHER MUST BE A THIEF CAUSE HE STOLE THE STARS FROM THE SKY AND PUT THEM IN YOUR EYES
HMM MUST BE MY COLORED CONTACT LENSES
WELL, UM... IT'S JUST THAT YOUR EYES LOOK ... I MEAN-
YES?
GLAZED OVER. I THOUGHT YOU WERE DRUNK ENOUGH TO FALL FOR A PICK UP LINE
I THINK YOU CONFUSE DON JUAN WITH DON QUIXOTE

Mr. Mobutu Comes Home for a Few Things He Forgot to Steal


Wouldn't you like to be naked too!
Yeah!!!
WOOF!



Personals

Adam T. walks like he has a stick in his butt!!!

Be enlightened by: THE SPARIAN WAY, INC. http:\\sarianway.cjb.net

T-Rex is a CB

Foulksy, please don't beat me up again. You are such a stud. ThankYou please, Roti.

mini-me, you complete me

Gail Hairsalon

Bink18f is hot

Folksy likes to wear his bathing suit in the winter – you sexy lobster!

Big- A poptarts?

I wouldn't cry if...take one for the team..O-town or bust!

J.E.R.N + me - time for another shady night with staties + shades + beer, right?

The girls of 3A3, I miss you and love you all even from the southwest! Love, Michelle

Chuck, hows your rash? You should get that fixed.

Conehead, Banana Man, and Conehead Jr.!!!

Santina, Dani, Sane, Carolina, and Mellisa, you gals are super duper HOT!

Steve G. is the cutest in the A-4 suite(i love burly redheads)

Panama City + Fitzy = $10,000 bail

I can take a crap on deck that can choke a donkey!

More pool tables in campus center!

Not only do you draw blanks, stew, you also shoot em!

Kostanski, 7 year olds are legal in Cancun.

Big B- two or three fingers, it's your choice

will the fourth floor leav Geebo alone.....grow up!

Jeff- did you have fun backpacking in Europe?

The undesputeed international JEAN Jammin Champion of the world - Matt R.

Shoota, I'll wipe off those tears, Sorry, -King M.

You can take Peris out of the gym, but you can't take the gym out of Peris!!

Allison, we can't keep this up. I go to church now - Mull

McCann, did you fit you home gym in your suitcase? -Peris

Hey Mr. Hockey, Can I please borrow your belt instead of Mr. K's...I like you alot more!!!

Sending love out to all the girls, Sandra, Jess, Daniel, Meg, Chantell, Heather, Jackie, and Erin.

I'm so glad I'm not going to South Padre for Spring Break with that group of clowsn that is going.

It should have been Garret cause Garret is the man!!

Nogar (James) + Short Arms - Mustang = 0 Girls

Yo Er-Hot Chocolate!!!

Hey Mr. Courtney, I'm free tonight. I'll call you again, 'kay?

Will the real Brad please stand up?

Mark went to Cancun in search of a blackout, instead he came home with true love.

It all started with a Moso!!

Chicken nachos @ the Ale House... can't wait for Break girls!!!

To the hookers in 103W, you need to stop staying up all night. Night rats!

Hey magic, i hope Padre was worth it!

Ardy- you have nothing else to do but make fun of hockey players and coaches?

James, I want you to come see me in Niagra Falls. Love Anna B.

Sheri, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29- Stup - we've got a winner, 29!!!

Adam, what were you for Halloween...a pumpkin?

Hey 2A4...watch out for patrol ISO O'Leary...he's not one to get you!

Brianne loves Kevin's Corner

IB! Conlin Hall....home of bigger than you

To all the hoes is 103W, WASUP GIRLS!!

Buck must gave been lost without Maz in Padre.

Hey fart-boy, please spare us your odors when where at the the gym

Hey Fran - lcokin good!

Blanch goin to see your bro in San Fran.

We love the girls in 404
The Pornofreak id the leader of the

Kenny Rogers fan club.

I want to lick Jed's bum

Men Suck.

I want the person behind me to shut-up...he's sooooooo annoying me right now!!!!

It's TRUEEEE!!!!

Don't get all political on me

Boys in red shirts turn me on.

She's sooooo "Miss Teen America"

I saw your behind and thought it was cute.

I like red pencils.

Stop banging the table....it's too loud.

Scuba Steve is my hero this week.

You are so annoying....just shut up.

DJ is finally coming out of the closet...it's about freaking time.

Fraternities Sororities - Clubs - Student Groups

Earn $1000-$2000 this semester with the easy Campusfundraiser.com three hour fundraising event. No sales required. Fundraising dates are filling quickly, so call today! Contact Campusfundraiser.com at (888) 923-3238, or visit www.campusfundraiser.com

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

Poster Display of Notable Women reception

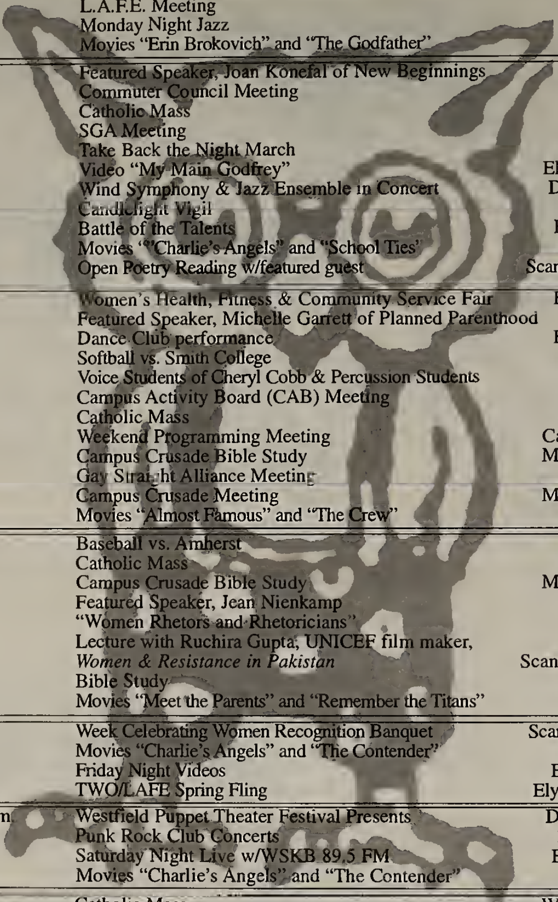
Monday
March 26
4:30 p.m.

Ely Campus Center Main Lounge

Refreshments will be served

All are welcome

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events



Mon 3/26	1:30 p.m.	Featured Speaker, Jennifer Keller "Incest"	Wilson 428
	4:30 p.m.	Poster Display of Notable Women	Ely Main Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office
	8:00 p.m.	Monday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Erin Brokovich" and "The Godfather"	Channels 56&57
Tue 3/27	2:10 p.m.	Featured Speaker, Joan Konefal of New Beginnings	Wilson 403
	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Take Back the Night March	Ely Main Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Video "My Main Godfrey"	Ely Lower Lounge
	7:30 p.m.	Wind Symphony & Jazz Ensemble in Concert	Dever Auditorium
	7:30 p.m.	Candlelight Vigil	Ely Main Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Battle of the Talents	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies ""Charlie's Angels" and "School Ties"	Channels 56&57
	8:00 p.m.	Open Poetry Reading w/featured guest	Scanlon Living Room
Wed 3/28	10:00 a.m.	Women's Health, Fitness & Community Service Fair	Ely Main Lounge
	12:30 p.m.	Featured Speaker, Michelle Garrett of Planned Parenthood	Ely 303
	12:30 p.m.	Dance Club performance	Ely Main Lounge
	3:00 p.m.	Softball vs. Smith College	Alumni Field
	3:30 p.m.	Voice Students of Cheryl Cobb & Percussion Students	Dever Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Ely 232
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Almost Famous" and "The Crew"	Channels 56&57
Thur 3/29	3:00 p.m.	Baseball vs. Amherst	Alumni Field
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Featured Speaker, Jean Nienkamp "Women Rhetors and Rhetoricians"	Bates 203
	7:00 p.m.	Lecture with Ruchira Gupta, UNICEF film maker, *Women & Resistance in Pakistan*	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Ely 130
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Meet the Parents" and "Remember the Titans"	Channels 56&57
Fri 3/30	6:00 p.m.	Week Celebrating Women Recognition Banquet	Scanlon Living Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Charlie's Angels" and "The Contender"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Videos	Ely Lower Lounge
	9:00 p.m.	TWO/LAFE Spring Fling	Ely 3rd World Room
Sat 3/31	12:00 p.m.&2:00 p.m.	Westfield Puppet Theater Festival Presents	Dever Auditorium
	6:00 p.m.	Punk Rock Club Concerts	3rd World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Charlie's Angels" and "The Contender"	Channels 56&57
Sun 4/1	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Charlie's Angels" and "The Contender"	Channels 56&57

USEFUL INFORMATION

Activities Line: x5840 / Info Line: x5440 / Class Cancellation Line: x5411

Dining Commons

Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p Fri 8a-5p
Sat 1p-6p & Sun 1p-9p

Health Services

(Nurse on duty) Sun 4p-12a, M-Th 8a-12a, F 8a-4p, Sat 12p-5p
(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

Bookstore

M-Th 8:30a-5p Fri. 8:30a-4p
Sat. 11a-3p Sun. Closed

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p x5500 pool info

Subway

Mon-Fri 8a-11p Sat 12p-11p
Sun 1p-11p

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To have events published on The Back Page please

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Pedro traded to New York

-File Photo

Pedro Martinez shown here in his new New York Yankees uniform. Martinez says he's willing to play for any baseball team and will start this season with the Yankees.

Boston Red Sox sold; team moves to Arkansas

BY KEVIN BUCKINGHAM
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Forget New York; the city that never sleeps is now Boston, at least for a couple of days. Red Sox fans are losing sleep over a startling decision to move the team to Arkansas under their new owner, Tight Wrash, heir to the fortune of "Just For Men" hair products.

So, you're thinking, I guess I'll have to be a Little Rock Red Sox fan now. No big deal, right? Same great team, same great players. Wrong. The first move that Wrash made was to trade superstar Pedro Martinez to none other than the New York Yankees.

"I just can't be paying someone that much money just to pitch, I have to like him, and I have to like his name," Wrash said.

Martinez answered questions for reporters late last night at a Little Rock Red Sox press conference.

"I am happy to play for the Yankees," Martinez said. "As long as the team isn't cursed, I don't give a rat's ass where I play."

Sanitation worker Rory B. Bellows said that he can't believe what's happened.

"I don't think that the city can ever recover from this devastating blow. First Garciaparra needs surgery, then they trade Pedro to the Yankees, and now this," Bellows said. "I hope that the Little Rock Red Sox burn in Hell."

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Library hours to be 24-7

BY MEG FARRELL
NEWS EDITOR

Starting fall semester 2001, the WSC library will be open all day, every day for the student's convenience, according to Library Director, Gil Halson.

"The decision was a no-brainer. The students have been trying to get us to open the library longer and more frequently, and it was time we listened," Halson said.

To raise funds to staff the library, WSC held a bachelor auction which raised $1 million and, President Woolworth chipped in the other million.

" The students deserve this, so I paid, simple as that," Woolworth said.

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Spring Weekend shot; Traveling Mat instead

BY R.J. BURGESS III
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Due to a lack of students willing to foot the bill for this year's annual Spring Weekend, the festivities have been cancelled and replaced by a free, live performance of UMass Amherst band Traveling Mat in Dever Auditorium.

Traveling Mat will be playing along with the Dave Matthews Band video "Listener Supported" Video, which will be shown on a wide screen.

Media Services will be taping the event for an up coming WSC promotional video called, "How to Look and Act Just Like Everyone Else."

"This will be even better than Spring Weekend. I can't wait," said junior PJ Lenzi. "All I ever wanted to know about acting like everyone else will be on this video."

"It's just plain sad," said Student Government Association Vice President of Programming Meggie Schmidt. "If students want Dave Matthews caliber bands like Children of the Korn for Spring Weekend, they should be willing to pay an overpriced fee."

But students around campus have recently protested the Spring Weekend fee of $15 before April 6 and $20 after that date raising concerns that the fee is too high.

"Spring Weekend should be free for all to attend," said junior Ded Jion. "We already pay student fees and past Spring Weekends were great without having to pay to attend."

"I saw Itchyfish in a crappy bar on Cape Cod for free last winter. $20 is way too much for the bands they're having. I doubt the fee even goes to the bands and instead goes to fund that crappy campus tabloid The Campus Voice," said senior Melvin Schmuckingham.

Freshmen Justine LaMacro said that she was very excited about the upcoming promotional video.

"I am *so* excited about the promotional video. I have been trying to conform for *sooo* long. An instructional video will help us all out," said LaMacro

Later, President Woolworth said, "Me versus the campus at the Nook afterward for a few rounds of 'Where's Woody?'"

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Mini-Mall to replace field house

BY LAURA CYR
ASSISTANT EDITOR

A mini-mall will replace the field house project due to student demand, said Alyssa Melissa, Student Government Association President. She said that this decision was made after a recent survey showed that 90% of students preferred having a mini-mall instead of a field house.

"I think the mini-mall is a much better idea," said President Woolworth. "Not only do students want it more, and of course, students are our number one priority, but it will also bring in some much needed money for the college."

Some stores that the school has already secured for the mini-mall project are Abercrombie and Fitch and Starbucks.

"We figured that Abercrombie would bring in millions since every student here parades their label around," said Woolworth.

Woolworth said Abercrombie was easy to get to come to the mall. "The manager of Abercrombie said they would definitely open a store here since WSC has already given them so much free advertising."

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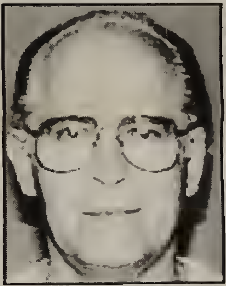

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Bulger scheduled to speak at WSC

"I am eagerly anticipating speaking at the WSC graduation. I feel this gives me a valuable opportunity to spread my values and morals to young, objectionable people."

-Whitey Bulger

Whitey to speak at graduation

BY EL BARTO
CAMPUS SUPER HERO

On May 19, 2001, senior commencement will take place on the Campus Green. This year the speaker for graduation will be ex-gangster Whitey Bulger.

Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Colbert Malotov, said "I came to this decision by completely disregarding student input or opinion. The seniors should understand that graduation is not for them. It is my vehicle for praise and advancement."

"I think Mr. Bulger exemplifies the values and ethics the senior class officers value and possess," said senior class President Jacqueline Anthony.

An apparently confused senior class Vice President, Mary Clever, said "Mr. Bulger used to be the President? Wow!"

Not everyone in the campus community is as supportive of the decision. Babs Foot, advisor to the Student Government Association said, "I think that the senior class officers attempted to influence Colbert Malotov too much. SGA isn't here to serve as a think tank. This whole "independant thought" process they used to pick him seems very dangerous and disrespectful."

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Check out the undercover photos which expose WSC President Woolworth for whom he really is. You guessed it, Frank Stallone.

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Traveling Mat wins Battle of the Talents two years in a row. In related news, lead singer engaged to WSC SGA member.

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from the Campus Voice Staff

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Spring Weekend acts finalized

Rahzel from the Roots confirmed

Second headliner in works: Dispatch

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

Rahzel, from the rap group the Roots, is now one of the confirmed headlining acts for the upcoming Spring Weekend at Westfield State College, said Maggie Smith, the Vice President of Programming for Student Government Association.

There was a need to seek out new headliners after the offer to Ja Rule remained unanswered, Smith said. "Ja Rule's agent wouldn't respond to our offer," Smith said. "If we waited any longer to hear back we would lose out on all of our options."

Smith said that they are trying to secure one more headlining act for Spring Weekend. She said an offer has been placed with Boston based band Dispatch, but nothing is confirmed yet.

The original four choices for headlining acts other than Ja Rule, Shaggy, Run DMC, Reel Big Fish, and G Love, all reported that they were booked

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-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Junior DJ Renzi performed in Lloyds Hill at the 'Talents.'

Lloyds Hill wins Battle of the Talents, spot on main stage

By Jed Dion &
Jessica Norden
Voice Staff

Over one hundred people gathered in the main lounge of Ely last Wednesday night to find out the results of last week's Westfield State College Battle of the Talents. The event that took place over two days last week was a competition between local student talent to earn a spot on the Spring Weekend stage.

The winners of the event were Lloyds Hill, making this their second Battle win as they were the winners in 1999. This win awarded the band $300 and a spot on the main stage on Saturday, April 28, on Ely Hill.

Second place was awarded to The Elements Crew, WSC's breakdancing group. Third place ended in a tie between Three Apples High and My Disco Village. The second and third place winners were awarded $200 and $100 respectively and a spot on the Friday night stage in the main lounge of Ely.

The event, organized by WSC Campus Activities Board, kicked off on Tuesday with six acts playing various types of music ranging from R&B

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UMass President named to speak at commencement

By RJ Burgess III &
Meg Farrell
Voice Staff

The twenty-fourth president of the University of Massachusetts will serve as commencement speaker on May 19th at 10:30 am on the campus green according to Jocelyn Gregory, president of the class of 2001.

-File Photo

William Bulger is this year's grad speaker.

William Bulger will be coming to Westfield State College on an invitation from President Woodward to speak to the seniors as they graduate this year said Gregory.

"It was Woodward's idea to invite President Bulger, but I have seen him as a public speaker before and he is a very animated, and exciting speaker," she said.

Woodward was not available for comment.

Dean of Undergraduate studies Robert Martin said that part of the reason that Bulger was picked was because there was little or no cost involved.

"We won't have to pay for him to speak at the college because he's a public worker. The only thing we might have to pay for is transportation," he said.

Gregory agreed with Martin about the cost of a speaker.

"Private speakers cost around $10,000 and we don't have that much in our budget, so it was definitely a plus for us," she said.

Martin said that Bulger is a great speaker and that because of his political background and his involvement with the Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts Senate he will be particularly interesting to hear.

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Actors say 'Devils' will 'raise eyebrows'

By Michelle DiGioia
Voice Reporter

The Theater Arts Program will perform "The Devils," an adapted version of the novel "The Devil of Loudun," next week in the Ely Studio Theatre.

"The play comments and reflects upon what goes on in our culture and politics today," said Assistant Professor Jack Shea, director of the play.

The play, written in 1961, is about a group of nuns in a convent who accuse a priest of being a sorcerer, said Shea. It is based on a historical incident that occurred in France in the 1600's.

"The play reflects the issue of religion being used as a means for political ends, said Assistant-Professor of English, Christopher Slaughter, the scenery and sound director of the play.

The text, stage effects, acting, and sound will be a bit unusual and compelling, Slaughter said.

The Devils audience will be in for a surprise," Slaughter said. "The set evokes an image of a devil's carnival or a satanic circus. It is very amusing."

Jennifer Lafleur, a senior playing the role of the psychotic head nun in the play said, "It is a very difficult piece- the actors put in a lot of time, commitment, and dedication."

The play involves a lot of risk taking from the cast members, Lafleur said. "It will definitely raise some eyebrows."

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-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Students John Hart and Jennifer Lafleur are leads in "The Devils."

Over 300 people attend Diversity Forum

By Adrienne lamplough
Voice Reporter

300 Westfield State College students, faculty and administration from various races, sexual orientation and background attended the Diversity Forum last Thursday in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. This forum united WSC students in hopes to better educate the college community about diversity, racism, sexism and ways to improve the campus and make WSC a pleasant and accepting campus for everyone according to Susan LaMontagne, Director of Student Affairs.

LaMontagne said, "This forum was put together solely by five student groups on campus; Student Government (SGA), The Latino Association for Empowerment (LAFE), Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault (MARASA) and The Third World Organization."

The large audience was broken into small groups for a chance for individuals to discuss their views about diversity on campus, their reasons for attending the forum and what incidents of discrimination they have experienced or observed on or off campus.

Professor Usha Zacharias of the Communications Department said, "The small groups did really important things which helped to generate personal stories about discrimination which would have been impossible in large groups."

Matty Warner, a student coordinator from GSA, said, "I am extremely happy, we did not expect this many people at all. Publicity ran really well on campus. This is the first time that GSA, LAFE, The Third World

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SGA discusses DC renovations

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

President Fredrick Woodward and Peter Stetson, Director of the Dining Commons, spoke to the Student Government Association last week about the renovations that will take place at the Dining Commons as well as the proposed plans for the new field house facility.

The new field house, besides housing three courts as well as a four-lane running track, will also contain some classrooms according to Woodward. This new building will be placed in front of the present alumni field and will be behind some trees set off of Western Avenue like Parenzo and Scanlon Halls.

> **"You'll be able to see that [the cooks] are using real, basic ingredients."**
>
> -Director of the Dining Commons Peter Stetson

Stetson said that the renovations that will be taking place in the Dining Commons will happen during the upcoming summer break. Stetson described this new setup as a food court concept with different areas for each type of food.

"You'll be able to see that [the cooks] are using real, basic ingredients," he said.

According to Stetson this renovation will be done by the second week in August and will be ready for the upcoming school year. These prospects raised many questions among the board of senators.

"What will be done if [the renovations] are not completed in time?" asked Richard Walsh, senator.

Other questions brought up were about where people attending summer activities, such as new student orientation, will get food. Stetson assured the board that since this project is being done by an independent contractor, rather than by the state, the planned completion date should not be changed and also during the summer, students attending new student orientation will get food in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Colleen Fromm, President of the Commuter Council, asked whether there will be any renovations done to the commuter side of the cafeteria. Stetson said that there are no plans [of renovations] at this point besides changing the walling format that separates the two dining rooms.

Maggie Smith, Vice President of Programming, announced that tickets to Spring Weekend are now on sale. Smith said, "You should get your tickets now because quantities are limited and also tickets will not be available after April 6."

Tickets are available at the teller window in the Ely Campus Center for $20.

In senior news, Jocelyn Gregory, President of the Class of 2001, said that the class has finally confirmed that William Bulger, President of the University of Massachusetts, will be able to speak at graduation this year.

In freshman news, Lindsay Callahan, President of the Freshman Class, was excited to inform senate that the class has found another class advisor. The new addition to the class is Frank Giuliano, Assistant Professor of Physical Science.

Jillian Fabbrucci, President of Dickinson Hall, announced that the hall has finally come up with plans for a fun day of games and events called "Dickinson Day."

The RAs are planning to do Jell-O wrestling and also they will be playing games like capture the flag. These event will take place on May 5, from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Diversity

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Organization, MARSA and SGA have worked together and I think the results speak for themselves."

In response to what changes or programs should be added to the campus, Warner said, "I think they should add more classes. I think the administration should take an active interest. Still, we are very pleased with the faculty, staff and administration attending tonight."

Once back in the large group many students participated and stood up and expressed their feelings about discrimination and diversity.

Frank Giuliano, a co-facilitator and an Assistant Professor of Physical Science, asked the audience about what was discussed within the smaller groups and what their feelings about diversity and discrimination on campus were.

Gerard Moriarty, a transfer student from Holyoke Community College, said, "We need to bring everyone together so that we have a campus that is united not divided."

Students freely expressed their opinions and had the full attention of everyone present. According to Moriarty, it's time to for a change.

David Lucander, a junior, said, "It's not about censorship, it's about changing our behavior and our attitudes."

"I think that we need to come together as a community to stop the sexism and racism," said Faculty Union President and Professor, Gerald Tetrault.

According to Tetrault, there are many students on campus who have suffered from discriminatory acts or have known people who have and do not report it. Students need to be able to go to faculty or administrator and get help. Professor Tetrault was at the forum because of hateful acts that he has seen on campus and towards other faculty members, he said.

"Lean on us, come to us that's what we're here for, the faculty will help," said Giuliano. "The students need to realize that your not here by yourselves that the faculty is here for you too. Students need to go to the faculty because they will support you," said Giuliano.

The main discussion of the evening was about racism although, when Institution Security Officer (ISO) Victor Rufo took the microphone he made a point that, according to him, most students might not realize.

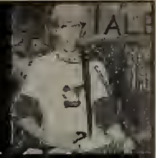
ISO Rufo said, "People in uniform are not really all bad. Since the fact that they are here we need to know they're for our benefit and not to forget that we have hearts under this uniform too."

Towards the end of the evening President Woodward said, "Thanks to the students who put this together, this would not have happened if you had not come together as five groups." The campus has set goals for a greater diversity on campus and will achieve them said Woodward.

Corrine Hairston, a student coordinator, said, "We did not expect this many people, due to the response of other activities on campus. However, today's event has caused a ripple of change that can hopefully cause a wave."

"I am absolutely thrilled with the turnout it is really encouraging to see this number of students, faculty and administrators. We really like that we are moving in the right direction and we can make a difference," said Giuliano.

From the Editor's Desk



april fools

Welcome to the second annual April Fool's edition of The Campus Voice. What you see on the front page is meant simply for humorous purposes and it is our hope that no one will take offense to our social commentary, however tasteless you may feel it is.

It is sad that in this day and age I have to be writing this disclaimer, but due to the recent backlashes against student newspapers across the country, I believe it is necessary to "soften" the April Fool's blow. Last year, many students were angered by their own gullibility, when they read that Dave Matthews was coming to Spring Weekend. This year, I hope students will be more prepared for what has become a Voice tradition.

It is also sad that some of our best material had to be cut from this year's April Fool's edition, because of political correctness and fear of monetary censorship. If we were to parody the very people that allocate our funds, the Student Government Association, we feared that the comments would be taken too seriously and that next year's staff would have a difficult time raising our allotment from SGA. It's like talking back to your parents in high school and then realizing that you needed the car that weekend.

It is my sincere hope that one day, The Campus Voice will not have to worry about self-censorship. Perhaps the journalists at the school paper will not always have to beg for money from the very people the newspaper is here to keep in check. The basis of journalism is to ensure democracy, expose corruption, and to keep authorities honest, while once in a while adding a bit of sarcastic humor to spice up our lives. It's difficult to balance the ethics of journalism with the necessity of funding; perhaps that is just what the authorities had in mind when they made the student newspaper a mere "club," answering to Student Government.

-R.J. Burgess III, Editor in Chief

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Former professor trespasses

By Kay Saltmarsh
Voice Staff

A former Westfield State College (WSC) instructor, who has filed many lawsuits against WSC over the past ten years, is scheduled to appear in court next month for allegedly trespassing on WSC property last semester.

Norman Greenburg, a former Criminal Justice instructor, was arrested at the Stanhome building for allegedly trespassing on WSC property on September 13, 2000, according to Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Doctor William Lopes.

According to a Criminal Complaint Document from the Massachusetts District Court, Greenburg was forbidden to enter or remain on WSC property.

-File Photo
Former professor Greenburg.

Norman Greenburg was hired on August 30, 1981 and he resigned September 1, 1990, Lopes said.

Two years ago, Greenburg walked into WSC and demanded to talk to President Woodward. He said he would not leave until he spoke with the president. Someone called Public Safety and Greenburg was handed a notice of trespass, Lopes said.

Then on September 13, 2000, Greenburg came back to WSC again and demanded to speak with President Woodward, Lopes said.

"Only this time, the President's office had moved to the new Stanhome building," Lopes said. "Public Safety was again notified and Mr. Greenburg was arrested at 333 for trespassing."

"By no means was this a perfect situation," Lopes said. "I believe Mr. Greenburg left WSC because he wanted a fresh start."

Lopes described Greenburg's case as a long story with a "trail of lawsuits" against WSC.

Some of members of the Criminal Justice Department were not happy with Professor Greenburg, Lopes said.

Greenburg resigned from WSC in the early 1990's to take a teaching position at Utica College in New York. With in one year, he lefr his position at Utica College and returned to the area, Lopes said.

> **"Mr. Greenburg wanted his job back at WSC and when he was not re-hired, he filed a law suit against WSC."**
> -VP Lopes

"Mr. Greenburg wanted his job back at WSC and when he was not re-hired, he filed a law suit against WSC for his job," Lopes said. "There was a trail of law suits filed by Greenburg which began in 1992-93."

Not one of the lawsuits against WSC was successful and they are not currently active suits, Lopes said.

"Mr. Greenburg developed a sense that he had been seduced into quitting," Lopes said. "He thought WSC had paid Utica College to hire him."

The Norman Greenburg case is scheduled for jury trial in Chicopee on April 24, 2001, Westfield Clerk Magistrate, Carol Casartello said.

Court cases in Westfield are currently being held in other towns since there are no jury facilities in the town of Westfield, Casartello said.

"Mr. Greenburg has waived his right to counsel," Casartello said. "He has elected to represent himself."

WSC officers who are involved in the Greenburg investigation will be called as witness for the jury trial, Casartello said.

Director of Public Safety Paul Scannell refused to comment on the Greenburg case.

"Since this matter is now referred to the courts, I cannot discuss the case," Scannell said.

"I will say that Mr. Greenburg is persistent," Lopes said. " However, this matter won't be resolved the way he wants it. Certainly, Mr. Greenburg did not leave on bad terms with me."

"Mr. Greenburg never made any threats that I am aware of," Lopes said. "I do not think he is dangerous."

Although Greenburg is scheduled to appear in court next month, Lopes said he does not think WSC has heard the last of him.

"Everybody is entitled to consideration for a job at WSC, even if they have the qualifications that meet the desired position," Lopes said, in regards to whether or not Greenburg will ever teach again at WSC.

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His appointment by the UMass Board of Trustees on January 4, 1996 followed a 35-year career as a state lawmaker, serving as President of the Massachusetts Senate from 1978 to 1996, the longest tenure of any Senate President in state history.

Bulger was born on February 2, 1934 and upon graduating from Boston College High School in 1952, enrolled at Boston College. He joined the United State Army in 1953, but returned to BC in 1955 and completed his undergraduate degree in English in 1958. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1961 from BC Law School. He is the recipient of more than 20 more honorary degrees from different colleges and is the author of the best selling political memoir, "While the Music Last, My Life in Politics."

He served in the House of Representatives from 1961 to 1970 and was first elected to the Senate in 1970 representing First Suffolk District.

Bulger is well known for his efforts in the 1960's to write the first child abuse reporting laws in the state and for focusing his energies on the children's issues. He helped reduce the funding inequities between rich and poor communities for schools and is an advocate for charter schools and public school choice. Bulger's other political priorities have included funding public libraries, and advocating for the expansion of childhood nutrition services and fuel assistance programs.

Recently Bulger has been criticized by UMass Amherst Chancellor David Scott for allocating too much of the university budget to restructuring the campuses and not enough to academics and students. Bulger is against raising tuition fees, advocating to keep the cost of higher education low and available to more students, but Scott has argued that this is hurting students by taking money out of their educations and allocating it to university renovation projects.

William Bulger is not the only famous member of the family. His brother, the much-feared Boston Mobster James "Whitey" Bulger. has logged a record six appearances on the TV show "America's Most Wanted," with a bounty on his head for $1 million.

Six year's ago the Irish gangster disappeared and is allegedly linked to 18 murders, the most recent of which allegedly occurring this month in Florida. The 71-year-old fugitive is considered by many as an embarrassment to FBI officials, who are constantly criticized for the lacks pursuit of the man who served as a federal informant and mob boss in the Winter Hill gang for some twenty years. Whitey Bulger allegedly gained protection from the FBI for his informant tips leading to the arrests of other mafia members.

While Whitey Bulger, described as having extremely bad breath and said to be hiding out in homosexual and nudist communities, remains on the run and on the FBI's Ten most Wanted list, his brother William Bulger will be speaking at WSC.

Voice of The Week

John Hart

POSITION AT WSC: **FATHER GRANDIER IN THE DEVILS, THIS SEMESTER'S THEATRICAL PRODUCTION**

HOMETOWN: **HOLYOKE, MA**

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YEARS AT WSC: **2**

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LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: **THE PARKING**

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Rahzel

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for April 28, said Smith in a previous Campus Voice article.

Spring Weekend will be held on April 27 and 28, with the main concert taking place on that Saturday. The lineup includes Rahzel, Itchy Fish, Children of the Korn, the first place winner of the Battle of the Talents, Lloyds Hill, and the remaining unconfirmed headlining act, Smith said. These performances will take place on Ely Hill behind campus center.

Smith said that other activities on Saturday will include vendors and novelties, free of charge to students. "The freshman class is working on setting up Jell-O wrestling outdoors on Saturday," she said.

Along with the activities on Saturday, there will be events on that Friday, Smith said. These include a hip hop dance in the Third World room with student DJ's Wes Jackson and Anthony DeChico, a concert, and a late night pancake breakfast. Smith said the concert on Friday will include the second and third place winners of the Battle of the Talents and headliner Traveling Mat, from UMASS Amherst. Smith also said that Career Services donated $500 to Spring Weekend for the Pancake Breakfast. Both the concert and pancake breakfast will be held in the Ely Main Lounge.

-File Photo

Rahzel the headliner.

Smith said that as of Monday, March 26, only one hundred Spring Weekend tickets had been sold. "We're hoping to see sales increase," she said.

Spring Weekend tickets can be purchased at the Ely Service Window, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until April 6. Student tickets and guests of Apartments and commuters cost $20, while guests of dorm residences cost $37.

Class intervals to change in Fall

By Meg Canning
Voice Reporter

Class times for the Fall 2001 semester have been changed to allow a 15 minute interval, rather then the 10 minute interval now between classes.

Five minutes will be added to the present 10 minute interval between classes to allow for a smooth and timely transition of students between 333 Western Avenue and the main part of campus, said Dr. Lopes, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

The decision was made by Dr. Lopes and Dr. Martin after meetings with department chairs and hearing students' concerns, Dr. Lopes said.

Administration's reasoning is that students and faculty aren't being served well when it is difficult, if not impossihle, for students to get to class on time of feel that they have to rush to leave a class to be on time for the next, Lopes and Martin said in a letter to faculty and staff.

The time change can only make it easier for students, said John Jones, Chair of the Criminal Justice Department. "I'm for whatever will make everyone's lives easier," be said.

"The move to 333 wasn't convenient. Now we have to get here earlier and stay later."

-Communication professor Nessim Watson

The time change will also help classes times on the main campus, said President Woodward. "The whole purpose is to enhance the ability to get to classes."

Students can meet with professors or just stroll across campus to their next class, Woodward said. "The time change allows for a smoother transition."

Junior Mike Rapoza agrees. "You can get a bite to eat and something to drink, socialize a little and not have to rush," he said.

Everything that's new is going to have pros and cons, said Education major Jen Plourd. "You have to do what's good for the majority."

Others at WSC are not as happy about the change.

"I've heard comments from faculty that they're afraid students might not sign up for later classes," Co Cousineau, Secretary of the Communication Department said.

Some departments, such as Education, are scheduling earlier classes. "I think it's ridiculous that classes start at 7:50 AM," Education major Emily Moore said.

On the positive side, Plourd said, earlier classes allow for students to get out of class closer to the normal time because of the time change.

"The move to 333 wasn't convenient," Communication professor Nessim Watson said. "Now we have to get here earlier and stay later."

Getting buses to run on time or purchasing another bus are better solutions than extending the time between classes, Watson said.

The school works with buses to get them on time, Woodward said. "The snow and the way people park make the buses late."

The trip to 333 is so inconvenient, junior Justine Young said. "You have to plan your whole day around it. Parenzo used to be right there but now people avoid or put off going to 333. An extra 5 minutes doesn't help," Young said.

The 15 minute interval is on a 2 semester trial period, Lopes said. "We hope everybody will give it a try. It's our best attempt at fixing a problem."

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The Devils

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'Tis Still the Season of Hunger

So the warm weather is almost here and we are all looking forward to backyard cookouts and endless beach days I'm sure. It is not the season that we usually think about those that are less fortunate than ourselves, however I am asking you to do just that.

Next Saturday The National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness is sponsoring the 17th Annual Hunger Cleanup at Springfield Technical Community College. The event itself is from 10-2 in the afternoon, and will benefit all the surrounding communities. It is just four hours of one Saturday afternoon that will let you forget about finals and graduation deadlines for just a little bit, and give you the chance to really make a difference in someone's life.

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Utah's Porn Czar counsels communities on Smut

BY JULIE CART
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SALT LAKE CITY - The people of Utah were concerned. Smut had inundated the state and deposited an unseemly grime, like a bathtub ring. The filth was everywhere: on the Internet, in schools, even on supermarket shelves.

Heeding their outcry, the state Legislature last spring created a new post - the nation's first porn czar. Pesky details such as allocating funding and writing a job description for the position would come later.

As it happens, the no-nonsense citizens of Utah have taken it upon themselves to tell Paula Houston what her responsibilities are. In her first few weeks as porn czar, Houston has been called upon to: persuade supermarkets to display racy magazines at adult eye level, intercept a Victoria's Secret catalog from a family's mailbox, remove R-rated videos from public libraries, forbid unclothed mannequins to be displayed at department stores and outlaw strip clubs.

Oh, and ban the Internet.

Houston, a 41-year-old former prosecutor, wants Utahns to know she hears them. But as for what she's charged with doing, Houston admits, ``I'm pretty much making it up as I go along."

As far as anyone can tell, Houston is the only ``obscenity and pornography complaints ombudsman" in the country. She works for the state attorney general and has been allocated a dim, nondescript cubbyhole in a warren of state offices downtown. Houston has been so consumed with getting the job started that she has yet to decorate the beige walls or fill the bookshelves. The sole personal touch is a tiny teddy bear propped against her desk computer.

With a $150,000 budget, Houston must pay a secretary (part time only), an investigator (for Internet issues only) and answer the flood of questions and complaints that Utahns have been saving up for someone like Houston, who is paid to listen.

It's not as if Utah is crawling with pornography. There are no adult bookstores in the entire state, although such establishments located just across the border report a booming business. But with a population dominated by the conservative and family-oriented Mormon faith, what smut there is in Utah is not tolerated.

``I don't want to reinvent the wheel," said Houston, who views her mandate as assisting communities in setting decency standards and legally defending them. ``One of the first things I tell people is that what the government can do is very limited," she said recently. ``But the power of the people is very strong. They can have a huge impact on the community."

Houston is amiable and thoughtful but not naive. She anticipated that the job - in particular its provocative title -would stir controversy. It has, and it has gotten personal. The Salt Lake Tribune reported that Houston is a virgin, leading some people here to question her ability to judge sexual material. Houston, who is single and a Mormon, said that she never responded to the paper's question about her virginity. But, she adds, she adheres to church teachings admonishing against sex before marriage.

In any event, she says, her personal or religious views are irrelevant. What is important is the message she tirelessly has been spreading in interviews - including one with Penthouse magazine: ``I'm not going to be a censor."

Still, lawyers and civil libertarians fear Houston will operate as the state's good-taste monitor. Critics say they fear the office's potential to trample individual rights, more than anything Houston has done so far.

``Hopefully, the job is only really silly. If it's only silly, it can't be harmful," said Andrew McCullough, an attorney who represents strip clubs and other adult-oriented businesses in the state. ``I can live with a $150,000-a-year joke. But if she's out there busting people, I may have a problem."

Even Houston's boss, Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, concedes that for now her job ``is mainly symbolic."

Gov. Mike Leavitt said that, rather than taking on pornographers herself on behalf of the state, the porn czar will aid local officials and serve as a clearinghouse for legal information and advice.

``Many local communities have a hard time working their way through the legal maze to establish and keep their own standards," Leavitt said.

``This person has been designated not to be the porn cop but as an adviser to communities to assist them in maintaining standards that are important to them."

One task lawmakers did set for Houston was to draft model legislation addressing pornography and obscenity. They are calling it a ``moral nuisance law," and it is due by Oct. 25.

Houston also is supposed to help local officials clarify their own ordinances - something Shurtleff said should mean fewer legal tangles.

``My job is not to go out and sue people," Houston said. ``I won't be the one making the final decision. It's a local issue, and it will be the local attorney making the decision for their community. That's how it should be."

Houston said that, while citizen complaints have run the gamut from offensive signs to objectionable rap CDs in high school libraries, the most common concern is with the Internet.

Earlier this month, the Utah Legislature charged Houston with the responsibility for combating cyber-sex.

``We want to see if there's a way we can regulate what comes into Utah, including the Internet," she said, sighing at the enormity of the task.

``I don't have an answer, by any means, but it's definitely a concern."

School fire kills 58 Teenagers, Injures 28

BY ANN SIMMONS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - Fire swept through a crowded boarding school dormitory in rural Kenya on Monday, burning 58 teen-age boys to death and seriously injuring 28 others.

The exact cause of the blaze, which started around 1:40 a.m. in the main boys' dormitory at the Kyanguli school, was not known immediately

But Julius Narangui, the local police chief in Machakos, a farming town about 40 miles southeast of Nairobi, said there was reason to suspect arson.

One of two doors to the dormitory was locked; iron bars and wire mesh on the windows prevented many boys from escaping.

The tragedy raised concerns over Kenya's poor fire safety standards and emergency procedures for schools and other public buildings.

Twenty-five girls died in a still unexplained blaze at a school in Bombolulu near Kenya's coastal city of Mombasa in 1998. Earlier this month in West Africa, 23 schoolgirls were burned alive in a locked dormitory in Nigeria after a kerosene lantern overturned.

Regular rehearsal of fire drills is rare in Kenyan schools, where the practice of locking students in at night is common. At Bombolulu, the girls reportedly were confined in order to prevent them from sneaking out to meet boys. Chained doors and barred windows obstructed the efforts of villagers in northern Nigeria to save the girls who perished there.

Rising crime in Kenya also has encouraged school officials to keep the students locked in at night.

Education officials said that 160 boys, who were between 15 and 19 years old, had been sleeping in the Machakos dormitory. Police said that some of them managed to scramble to safety through the roof, which had collapsed. The fire spread very quickly.

The fire department, which has a nationwide reputation for inefficiency and its lack of equipment, had not been summoned, police said.

Instead, police using the co-ed school's garden hoses as well as the heavy rain eventually extinguished the fire.

Police said they were called to Kyanguli after being told that students had gone on a rampage. Francis Ngunga, an English teacher, told reporters at the scene that a boy had left the dormitory at around 1:30 a.m. to report to an adult supervisor that some kind of liquid was spread across the floor. When the two returned, they found the door locked and a fire blazing inside, Ngunga said.

Students told local journalists that some fellow students had taken jerry cans of gasoline to the school the evening before the blaze. Their motive was unclear. Police said school officials reported smelling gasoline in the dormitory on Sunday, but their investigation had found nothing.

There were also unconfirmed reports that some students had been involved in a brawl prior to the incident, and one boy told journalists that a misunderstanding between the administration and the students might have led to the calamity.

Police and government officials said they were pursuing all leads.

Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi visited the site. ``This is a ghastly incident that has never been seen before in these parts," Moi said. ``The doors should have been open. These children could have escaped easily."

Adolf Levis, creator of Slim Jims, dies

Adolf ``Al" Levis, who invented Slim Jims, the dried meat snack popular in both hikers' backpacks and the hands of sports-viewing couch potatoes, has died at the age of 89.

An early starter in the food business, Levis dropped out of high school during the Depression and sold spices, pickles and condiments. The Philadelphia youth, operating out of his garage, next sold pickled pigs feet, tomatoes and cabbages to bars and delicatessens.

Levis worked with partner Joseph Cherry in the 1940s to have a local meatpacker concoct a small, easy-to-eat dried beef stick for snacking. He named the product Slim Jim and paired it with a top-hat-and-tails man as an emblem for the brand, hoping to make the snack an elegant accompaniment to cocktails.

Initially, the beef sticks were stored in jars of vinegar and served at bars, but by the 1950s Cherry-Levis Food Products began wrapping the Slim Jims in cellophane.

Levis sold the company to General Mills in 1967 for about $20 million. He moved to Florida and became a philanthropist, donating more than $3.5 million to the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

He also donated $2 million for what became the Adolph and Rose Levis Jewish Community Center in Boca Raton, and after his wife died in 1994, he gave $1 million for a care center for victims of Alzheimer's disease.

General Mills sold the Slim Jims line as part of Goodmark Foods in 1982. ConAgra acquired the company in 1998.

Marketing has shifted from bars to convenience stores, with advertising geared toward young boys and men interested in spectator sports.

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CHRIS WARD

"Everybody wants to go to Heaven, but no one wants to die."

Professors are wrong sometimes. Whether they're misinformed, misled, or pursuing personal agendas, sometimes information is put out in class that bears no resemblance to reality. Some would say that the "intelligentsia" (I use that word in the most derogatory way) in general chose the campus environment to "hide out" from that same reality and simply refuse to let reality stand in the way.

Before I go a step further I want to say that I'm referring to an overwhelming minority of professors. Most of the teachers I've had have earned my unwavering respect. But respect is a two-way street, even in the instructor-student relationship. When a female Education professor tells a friend of mine that the death of her grandfather was "poor planning" on her part and that she should ensure that it "doesn't happen again," what we've got is myopic perception of the reality that begins beyond Western Ave.

Most prefer to take the notes, pass the test, and ignore the nasty taste in their mouth. As long as they pretend to teach the truth why not pretend to learn it? You head back to the dorm assured of your "A" and they go home thinking they've "furthered the cause" or at least "gotten through to a few." I'm near the point where I would recommend this course of action. Disagreeing with a "problem prof." isn't fun and there's almost no way to win. It shouldn't be about winning but often it is, because questioning their information is tantamount to questioning their competence. Choose your battles wisely, man, or just drop the course. On that note, send me some Problem Prof. Horror stories at Seamus2003@Yahoo.com. I know they're out there and I'll name names.

So here it is the beginning of March and already the spring fashions are out and about. It's like we're tired of winter already, and if we all just wear shorts starting now maybe we can force spring into action. (I'm kidding about the shorts. You guys that have worn shorts all winter look like the primary reason we must, as a nation, discourage inbreeding.) Easter is coming up, too. For those of you unfamiliar, Easter is when we celebrate the day that Jesus came out of the tomb… and if he sees his shadow and goes back in it means six more weeks of winter.

I don't know about you but I'm going to enjoy watching those Cancun tans fade. Some would call it jealousy; I prefer to call it….well, jealousy… so what?! And lose the braids, sweetheart. You do NOT look like the chick from Temptation Island.

Okay, I walk into Old Navy to check out the new spring gear and it looks like the wardrobe dept. for "Wedding Singer II." Pastel sweater vests? Hello! Light blues and greens assail my senses, and there's even more orange than LAST spring. Have we run so short on new ideas or is the circle that small? People will buy that crap, though, which is cool because it'll amuse the non-fashion victims. Who will be the first guy on campus to try and pull off wearing a pink polo shirt with a straight (no pun intended) face?

File this under "television shows we'll never see:" The Golden Girls 20th Anniversary Reunion Special.

So an administrator wasn't happy with some of the language and suggestions used at "The Price is Right?" Sounds like a successfully run STUDENT event to me.

I'm sitting here trying to drink and type at the same time; I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous! Okay, so I'm out like a fat kid playing dodgeball but before I go, big shout out to bitter, unattractive girls at apartment parties. Why did it need to go there again? Oh, well, Popularity Rules! (Just keep telling yourselves that and follow the directions on the prescription bottle.)

Chris Ward is a Voice Columnist

Don't Call Me Baby

KATHERINE MANNING

Have any of you ever just sat down and wrote a story as a child but would never find the time to do something like that anymore? Or, maybe you made your own comic series? Then read this.

Although my articles are generally directed towards Women's issues, I thought this week I would riddle you with something that both sexes may or may not use in their everyday life, yet that the Woman is still thought of to dominate and I might add, is also a body part. I know what you are all thinking, that I am referring to the home, the domestic sphere, or the breasts. Well, it's something that is a part of us even more than that. This abstract concept of which I refer to is the right brain, or the "feminine half."

We are considered to be a "left brained" culture, pre-occupied with all that is linear and logical. Therefore, while the left brain is needed, we can't deny that we use this part of the brain far more often than the right. It is good for business and the "corporate paymasters" that we are becoming enslaved to. But as a result of this, it leaves out a great deal of knowledge and discovery, wouldn't you think? (By the way, I used my left brain to figure that one out.)

There are so many cultures, including the Irish one which occupies all of my roots, that dedicate giant segments of their lives to fable telling and folklore. Up until my Grandparents from Galway died, they would finish a giant meal followed by hours and hours of stories that not only brought a sense of togetherness that I no longer see, but also would have me mesmerized with stars in my eyes as a child.

Or lest we forget the Native Americans that once occupied this very land whose entire lives were constructed with mythology and arch-typing themselves with creatures in nature.

But really, what are we missing if we use "the masculine side", or the left brain too frequently?

The answer to the question I just posed is simple and is summed up in one historical Beetles Song: Imagine. When do we use our imagination? Einstein once said, "imagination is more important than knowledge. Yet, even in class, I'm sure that few if any of your professors have asked you to "free write" and let your own mind be the guide of your studies, unless it is of course a creative writing class. It is not their fault; they are just training us to be productive citizens.

In actuality, if you try to put your right brain to a bit more use, the possibilities could be endless. You may be "a poet and you didn't know it." You may be a riddler or an artist, or perhaps a brilliant architect. But unless you use the right brain more, you will never be any of these things and will eventually find yourself quite bored.

Of course, as you know, some people are born with more strength on one side than the other, even though they are both expandable and can be drawn from at any time. But it is important to remember to never lose sight of it. I believe myself to have been one of the fortunate to have some of those few professors, and you know who you are, to have worked on developing this essential element of intellectual functioning. The left brain is wonderful, and it helps you to learn, but we need the other half to take what we have learned and build on it.

What would we build on it, you might ask? Well, use your imagination!

K. Manning is a Voice Columnist

WSC student questions Bush tax plan

To the Editor:

G.W.: The Opposite of Robin Hood?

W. entered the White House singing songs about allowing the American people to keep more of what they earned as a result of his tax plan. However, those of us at Westfield State who have taken the time to read between the lines know better. We know that we will not see any major change in our pay checks as this tax cut will have its greatest effect on the wealthy. (Let's face it; if you're reading this, you are probably a part of the Westfield State College community, and none of us have all that much money in our bank account, especially not our underpaid, overworked staff and faculty.)

G.W.'s tax plan will cut funding to social services that teach young people about STD.s and drugs, services that provide food, shelter, and help for those who need it; services that make sure aid is there for those who seek it. While I do agree that these social services have been and probably will be taken advantage of, I recognize the need for them. If taking $50 out of my humble paycheck every two weeks is going to give someone a bowl of soup, put a clean needle in a drug user, put a condom between two people, or help someone get a job, I'm all for it. G.W.'s plan will probably reduce what is taken out of my paycheck by about $1: B.F.D. If I made a whole lot more money, his plan would send me home with a lot more of what I earned. It seems to me that Bush is trying to help out a few of his oil buddies at the risk of nabbing scraps from the less fortunate. He'll rob the poor to feed the rich. Do the rich need feeding, though? Is this a good idea? Don't blame me; I voted for Ralphie.

Angela Riccardi
Graduate Student

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A Day in the Life

ANGELA LAPIERRE

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever. " - Mahatma Ghandi

I try to live by these words, but somehow it just doesn't seem to work out. To put it in simple terms, I'm a complete lazy a**. My friend Chris, on the other hand, lives Mahatma Ghandi's words and then some. He gives everything he gets his hands on 110%, whereas I just b.s. my way through things and hope I'll get lucky. Chris has played the clarinet since the 5th grade. I may have had 2 years more experience than him on my violin, but he's still a better musician than I will ever hope to be. My violin picked up dust while Chris played his clarinet everywhere and anywhere. I managed to become assistant concert master my Senior year, but I quit playing the violin once I graduated. Chris, on the other hand, continued playing his clarinet in college, going so far as to becoming a clarinet performance major.

Chris was an Eagle Scout, which according to my buddy Steve is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon you by the Boy Scouts of America, and you have to do countless hours of community service in order to achieve that status. I was a Girl Scout with the uniform, cookies and the whole bit, but I dropped out of that in the 7th grade after an argument with a girl in my troop over some guy. I can't think of one time where I did any valid community service during my time as a Girl Scout.

In high school, both Chris and I were in National Honor Society. Chris worked extremely hard in all of his classes and even took Advanced Placement courses, whereas I made my grades through sheer luck and quality b. s. He graduated ranked 20 something in our class of 230, while I graduated ranked 52.

Chris was on the cross country/track teams in high school, and was one of the best runners in our school. I joined the cross country team my junior year, dropped out from a back injury after a month on the team, and haven't returned to any serious running ever since.

Even my Spring Break plans looked silly compared to Chris'. I planned on spending every day of my Spring Break either bumming around watching Days of Our Lives or at the mall spending money I didn't really have. Chris on the other hand, planned to drive from his school in Minnesota to New Orleans with 4 of his friends. The five of them planned on staying with Chris's grandmother and volunteering at the elementary school she worked at, not partying in the Mardi Gras capital of the US, but actually doing something worthwhile.

I however, got to complete my Spring Break plans. Chris didn't. He died on St. Patrick's Day while driving through Illinois. He was hit head on by a drunk driver and died instantly. The driver of the other car escaped with minor injuries. Over a week after the accident, I still can't make sense of it. I keep asking myself why him and not me...why some selfish jerk had to take away one of the world's most kind, selfless, dedicated, ambitious, intelligent, talented, compassionate people...why a person who had his whole life ahead of him had it cut tragically short. To be perfectly honest, I don't think I'll ever make sense of this tragedy, nor will I ever fully get over it. I just hope that my words make someone think twice about getting into a car while intoxicated because you don't know what could happen or who you might kill or how many lives you'll hurt in the process.

Something Chris' brother said kind of helps me put his death into a different perspective. "He died because God's orchestra needed a first clarinetist and He refused to settle for anyone but the best." And on that note (no pun intended), I leave you with the words of singer Carly Simon: "Nobody does it better, makes me feel sad for the rest. Nobody does it half as good as you. Baby, you're the best." Chris, you truly were the best and I will miss you greatly.

A. LaPierre is a Voice Columnist

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Well, I just came back from the best week I've had in a long, long time. A couple months ago, a good friend of mine from Babson College invited me to accompany he and his school's Habitat For Humanity group on a trip to North Carolina. It seemed that our Spring Breaks were going to fall on the same week, so I readily agreed. Everything about the trip appealed to me. I'd be hanging out with one of my best friends in the world. The weather, while not Florida or Cancun, would be infinitely warmer than it was here. And, I'd get the chance to meet around twenty new people (sixteen of which were cute, intelligent, funny women…but that had nothing to do with it…nope…not at all. And I'm never sarcastic…ever).

What appealed to me most, however, was the organization itself. The very concept of Habitat is just so cool. For one thing, I find that the occasional day of hard physical labor can be just about the most satisfying feeling around. To step back from a house and realize that you just built the entire roof…it's unreal. In addition, these houses are constructed for families that may otherwise not have the chance to own their own home. Often times, Habitat will build an entire neighborhood. These houses are offered at very reasonable prices. The catch is, if you buy a house from them, you must contribute to the construction of the other houses in the area. How cool is that?! An entire neighborhood of families that helped to build each other's homes. I can't think of many better ways to build a sense of community.

As luck would have it, though, about two weeks before we were supposed to leave, my friend realized that he had given me the wrong dates for the trip. It turned out that his Spring Break was the week AFTER ours. Well, it took me about three and half seconds to decide to take that week off, too. At this point in my life, I honestly feel that I would learn a whole lot more through building a house for someone than I could sitting in class.

Yeah, I realize that classes are the main reason for being here. I also realize that due to already faltering grades, I probably couldn't afford to take another week off of school. There's a whole lot more to college than grades, though. One of the running themes in my column is that we all need to become more aware of what's happening in our community, and start caring about people other than ourselves. Habitat for Humanity is one of the most fulfilling vehicles for this pursuit that I have ever been involved in. I encourage everyone reading this to give it a try. Westfield State has it's own chapter, and they're always looking for new members.

So, now I begin the uphill battle of catching up on all my missed work. It's safe to say that these next couple weeks will pretty much define anti-fun. Oh well. It's worth it. The house we stayed in was great, the weather was entirely agreeable, the progress we made at the site was considerable, I picked up a few new skills, the callouses on my hands got rough again, I finished a book I've been working on for a few months, I got something akin to a tan, I lost a few pounds (my buddy dragged me out of bed each day for a run), went to a couple museums, drank a bunch of beer, met some truly wonderful people who I have every intention of keeping in touch with (it's not everyday you meet 16 cute, intelligent, funny women who can engage in all sorts of discussions, ranging from the nature of faith, to the inherent hilarity of monkeys, to the general coolness of Batman), and averaged around three hours of sleep a night. All in all, about the best seven days I could hope for.

At one of the rest stops on the way back, a TV was playing an MTV Spring Break report. The rest of the group and I stopped to watch it. The tans were dark, the bikinis were small, the drinks were large and colorful. The bands were spirited, the sun was bright, and the locals exotic.

And I couldn't help feeling sorry for them, that they didn't have a Spring Break half as fun as mine.

See ya all next week.

Jon Sewell is a Voice Columnist

Devils

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The mle of the main protagonist in the play is being performed by John K. Hart, a Continuing Education student who said "The Devils" is his first play performed at WSC.

"My character is very complex and interesting," Hart said. "He is struggling to be a man while trying to achieve higher things in life."

Hart said the play challenges the ideas and conception of life, and what people try to obtain in their days.

"The students are doing wonderful work," Shea said. "They continue to grow as actors and they enjoy their characters and their performances."

There are many new cast members in the play along with returning actors who have preformed in previous plays, Shea said.

The students work long hard hours, rehearsing every night up to the performance. "The whole thing is a very arduous, long process," Shea said. "But it's worth it in the end."

The play will be performed on April 4-7 at 8pm, and April 6 at 2:30pm in the Ely Studio Theatre. Tickets are on sale at the Campus Center Service Window.

-Photo by Kelley Clarke

The Elements Crew won second place at last week's Battle of the Talents

Battle

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to punk. Judges for the two nights were Joselyn Gregory, Senior Class President, Meg Canning, Junior Class President, Jenn Prior, Sophomore Class President, Lindsey Callahan, Freshman Class President, and Wesley Jackson, a Lammers Hall RA. Each band had an allotted time slot of thirty minutes, beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

Although the first night got off to a late start, that didn't stop the bands from packing the lounge. Rock band Ragtree was the first of the night to perform. The band has made many appearances on campus in the past, and even played the Battle of the Talents last year.

"We're going to be absolutely incredible. We're going to rock the house," said Ragtree member Mike Liberty.

Shirts Off In Advance, a punk/rock band with lots of energy, was the second band of the night.

"I think we did a great job. I was happy with the performance and I was happy with the crowd," said Joe Skahan, bassist for the group.

"I thought that it was the greatest concert in Westfield history," said Greg Marsh, Shirts Off guitarist.

Following Shirts Off In Advance was Brian Scott who did a solo act with four R&B songs, three of them written by him.

"I think I did pretty well, according to my standards. Judging by the audience's reaction, my standards were right," said Scott. Scott mentioned he would be selling his own demo CD.

The second place winners, The Elements Crew were next, which brought the entire audience to their feet to watch the performance. The breakdancers were Martin Lee, Kyle Rudolph, Kristina Martinelli, Shaun Davis, Aimee Freundlich, David Berube, Katie Baker, Kevin Vaughan, Steve Bocker, and Jason Lefter. The breakdancers were assisted by a local high school student who spun for them.

"We all had a lot of enthusiasm, and we were very supportive of each other. I think we did goed and we had a lot of fun," said Shaun Davis.

Three Apples High, who tied for third place, was the fifth act to perform for the night. Their songs had a rock feel, which was a change of pace from the last act, Three Apples High.

"We thought the acoustics were great and that we did a good job," said Three Apples member Steve Scalia.

For the final performance of the night, Oregon Underground brought their grunge/folk rock to the act. "We had a tough time slot, but we did the best we could and we had a good time playing," said lead singer Jay Renslow. The band mixed humor with their music to create their own unique style of music.

Night number two kicked off on Wednesday night with some straight up rock-n-roll with Pen Fifteen, made up of students from Westfield State and high school kids who take music lessons at Performance Music from Brandt Kronholm.

Next up was the improv/funk/jazz combo My Disco Village. Its ten plus members made their way through two songs which included drum solos and horn solos.

"I think we did great and we had so much fun," said Matthew McCarthy. "We're all about crowd support, and some people got up and moved for us. I was just waiting for the lights to dim. I think the Battle should be moved up to the lab theater."

Awful Juice followed Disco Village and started their set off asking if "the Battle of the Talents was rigged like the Price is Right." The duo sang original songs about girls and parties, and even included their own rendition of an N'ysnc song as well as a tune set to the music of "Rocking in the Free World."

"We don't take ourselves seriously and we don't want other people to," said Awful member Dan Cassidy.

"We've been playing together since the beginning of the year," added Sean Rooncy.

The crowd appeared to be into the varying styles of the night.

"I liked the nice little blend of music styles," said Junior Glenn Daluz.

Next up was Tarmak who introduced Trip-hop to the crowd of spectators. The five member band included stand up bass, keyboards and drums. The Battle of the Talents was the bands sixth show to date.

"The crowd was great, way above average," said Dan Tontini, who covered both key board and guitar duties for the band.

So Real took the stage next, giving the crowd a taste of pop rock with elements of ska. The band performed five songs.

"We sounded better tonight then we ever have and we will sound better at the next coffee house. I hope everyone enjoyed the show," said guitarist Corey Davis. The band sold thier demo CD as they played for three bucks a pop.

First place winners Lloyds Hill took the stage next. The crowd moved up as the band launched into their first song, a cover "Stand by Me." Guitarist DJ Renzi stripped down to boxers and a cape to aid the band in playing a very energetic show. Free CDs and stickers were passed out as Lloyds Hill played through their five song set before a miscommunication with the judges led to their set ending early.

The final band of the night was jam/hard rock band Level Ride. The band played to a anxious crowd, who wanted to find out the winners of the Battle. Level Ride mixed pop with 311 style funk riffs.

"We were pretty tight, but a little rushed though. We hope to return," said Josh Knudsen.

Once again, Westfield State's music scene was on display. The crowd remained fairly large for both nights, with people supporting the many different acts. Spring Weekend will be held April 27 and 28 with tickets costing 20 dollars for students.

"Charlie Brown" provides countless laughs to audience

BY LAURA GIBSON

On February 27, I saw "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." This play was directed and designed by Thomas Amus and produced by Kathryn L. Bradford. The show was broken down into two acts with an intermission in between. I really enjoyed the show. It was very cute and it made me laugh countless times.

The opening scene featured really interesting props for the peanut butter sandwiches and they were huge! In the opening scene, Charlie Brown (played by Dave McGovern) wanted to eat lunch with the red headed girl, Lucy, played by Kendra Kachadoorian.

I especially liked Linus played by Aaron Morris. He was very cute as he sucked his thumb and carried around his "blanky." There was a scene that only featured Linus called "My Blanket and Me." Linus really cracked me up as he danced around with his blanket, as if it were actually a real person. He just could not be without his blanket.

Another scene that I liked was called, "The Doctor is In." It was Valentine's Day and Charlie Brown wanted to give Lucy a Valentine, but when he did he said, "Merry Christmas." Afterwards, Lucy, as the doctor, tried to help Charlie Brown out. She cheered him up, and then said, "5 cents please."

The first act ended with "The Book Report." The props included huge books and pencils. Peter Rabbit was the subject of the book report. Each person's acting was great as they acted out what they were writing in their reports.

I really liked the opening of Act II. Snoopy, Patty, and Woodstock were looking for rabbits. Snoopy sniffed people in the audience. Snoopy was played by Nate Blais, Patty by Andrea Sempos, and Woodstock by Kali Bradford, a fifth grader at Highland Elementary school.

Next came a company scene, "The Baseball Game." The characters were getting ready for a baseball game. Everyone was throwing balls around. All I can say is the scene was very cute as everyone was practicing throwing the ball around.

Next came Lucy asking three questions to Charlie Brown, and then her brother Linus. She was trying to find out if everyone thought that she was crabby. She found out that both Charlie Brown and Linus felt the same way. Afterwards, Kachadoorian did a great job acting as she cried, and was wondering why people hang with her, if she is such a crabby person. She was very cute.

The next scene was "Glee Club Rehearsal." Schroeder, played by Jonathan Plouffe, was in charge of everyone. The rehearsal did not go as smoothly as Schroeder would have liked. For there were issues of a stolen pencil and Linus calling Patty an enigma.

Suppertime was the next scene that I liked. It included Snoopy and Woodstock. I really enjoyed Snoopy's dancing and singing about suppertime. The Pit, which included Casey Sanderson, Eric Putnam, and Jackie Sturtevant, did a great job accompanying the cast, except for this scene. When Blais was doing his singing, the Pit made it a little difficult to hear him sing.

The play had a great ending called "Happiness." "What is happiness?" Each cast member was explaining what happiness was to them. It was a great show. I really enjoyed it. The acting was great and so was the music. Hope everyone who has seen it got some laughs out of it.

-Laura Gibson is a Voice staff member

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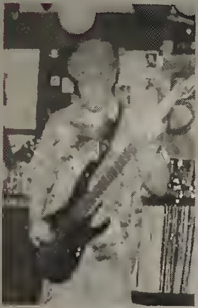

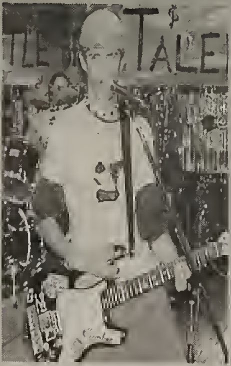

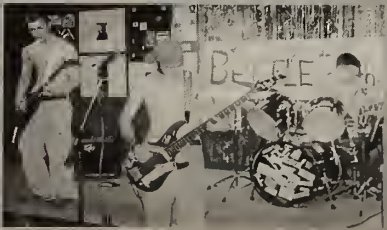

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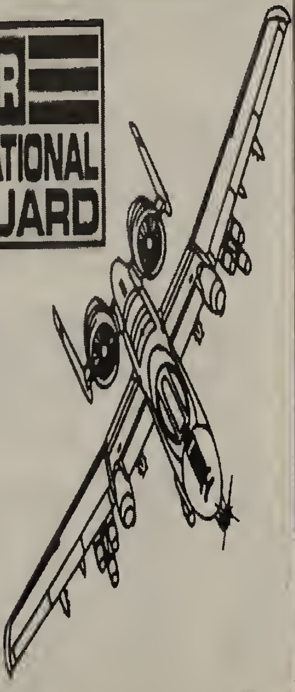

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Athletics Director Named To NCAA Committee On Infractions

Ken Magarian, director of athletics at Westfield State College, was recently named to the NCAA National Committee on Infractions, as announced by Shep Cooper, director for the NCAA Infractions Commission for Divisions I, II, and III at the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Infractions Committee was established in 1952 to provide an enforcement program for the NCAA and work with the membership colleges and universities to maintain integrity in collegiate athletics.

The mission of the NCAA enforcement committee is to reduce violations of NCAA legislation and to impose appropriate penalties if violations occur. The specific mission of the NCAA enforcement staff is to act as a means of accountability for member institutions. The committee has the authority to determine what (if any) findings should be made and what (if any) penalties should be assessed upon a member institution. At the recent NCAA Convention in Orlando, the Infractions Committee was given expanded authority to assess member colleges and universities financial penalties for violations of the NCAA.

Magarian, a long-time athletics administrator and former baseball coach at Westfield State College, is also chairman of the Ethics and Sportsmanship Committee for both the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference and the New England Football Conference. In addition, he is the chairman of the Westfield Park Recreation Commission and past president of the Westfield Kiwanis Club.

Swimming and Diving Team

First Row (L-R): Kelly Reardon, Rachel Machowsky, Becky Sirota, Erin Flynn, Kim MacKenzie, Courtney Burden, Melanie Kirouac, Karen Flaherty, Jennifer Gilbert.
Second Row: head coach Dave Laing, Colleen Boisvert, Jessica St. Pierre, Jody Stietel, Julie Abare, Katie Abare, Nicole Acheson, Heather Perreault, Dana LedDuke, assistant coach Sue Parker.

Competition Cheering Squad

First Row (L-R): Alexis Demas, Michelle Holland, Tiffani Warila.

Second row: Aimee Winchell, Melissa Fitzgerald, Kimberly Tobias, Jennifer Frohn.

Third row: Paul Bradfield, Kathryn Duprat, Daniel Sirois, Holly Schmedding, Paul Kowal.

2001 Baseball Schedule

DATE		OPPONENT	TIME
	April		
Tue.	3	EASTERN CONNECTICUT	3:00
Wed.	4	TRINITY	3:30
Sat.	7	at Mass Maritime (2)	12.00
Tue.	10	WILLIAMS	3:30
Thu.	12	WESTERN NEW ENGLAND	3:00
Sat.	14	FITCHBURG STATE (2)	12:00
Mon.	16	at Worcester State (2)	12:00
Tue.	17	at Western Connecticut	7:00
Sat.	21	BRIDGEWATER STATE (2)	12:00
Tue.	24	at Massachusetts College (2)	2:30
Thu.	26	at Keene State	3.30
Sat.	28	FRAMINGHAM STATE (2)	12:00
Mon.	30	at Springfield	3.30
	May		
Wed.	2	Conference Tournament	TBA
Sat.	5	Conference Tournament	TBA
Sun.	6	Conference Tournament	TBA

2001 Softball Schedule

DATE		OPPONENT	TIME
	April		
Tue.	3	ELMS	4:00
Sat.	7	at Mass Maritime (2)	12:00
Tue.	10	at Western Connecticut (2)	4.30
Thu.	12	KEENE STATE (2)	3:00
Sat.	14	FITCHBURG STATE (2)	12:00
Mon.	16	at Worcester State (2)	12:00
Wed.	18	at Amherst (2)	3:30
Sat.	21	BRIDGEWATER STATE (2)	12:00
Tue.	24	at Massachusetts College (2)	3:00
Sat.	28	FRAMINGHMAM STATE (2)	12:00
	May		
Wed.	2	Conference Tournament	TBA
Sat.	5	Conference Tournament	TBA
Sun.	6	Conference Tournament	TBA

Notices

Progress reports are in for freshman student-athletes. To view them, stop by Ely 246 from 3 to 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Westfield High School needs assistant coaches for girls' track and field and lacrosse. WSC students who have experience and knowledge are urged to call Westfield High School athletics director Al Nummy at 572-6484.

Important Dates To Remember:

- 3.0 Club Academic Reception - April 25
- Varsity Sports Spring Banquet - May 7

Westfield State Athletics Website

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The Department of Communications at Westfield State College Presents:

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ACROSS
1 Plumber's tool
7 Sultry
10 Curved lines
14 Fluffy cat
15 Small ostrich
16 Sly trick
17 Shrewder
18 Dorsal appendage
19 Seaweed product
20 Trying to persuade
23 Caravan stop
26 Bandleader Brown
27 Shell
28 Summon to court
29 Cow's chew
30 Make into leather
31 Gathered
33 Detective Spade
34 And so on: abbr.
37 Salad green
38 Egyptian ruler
40 Fruit drink
41 Take part in an auction
42 Gift tie
43 Actor Brynner
44 Look closely
45 Musical notes
46 Leading man
49 Individual
50 Encircles
51 Colorful catch?
54 Type of nail
55 Muhammad —
56 Swamp air
60 Monster
61 Thai girl
62 Not awake
63 Laugh loudly
64 Rocky Mountain Indian
65 Begrudge

Wow, the comics
Are back to give
You some super
April fun! I am
going to give you
something funny
just because I
love you. BYE!

DOWN
1 Army woman
2 Genetic material
3 — loo yong
4 Loudest
5 Teams of workers
6 Long-eared animal
7 Hoisted
8 Skips
9 Canned fish
10 Stir
11 Not flexible
12 Jangle
13 Suit material
21 Avoided capture
22 South American animals
23 Florida city
24 Intended
25 Iowa or Maine
20 Photographer Beaton
30 Nevada lake
32 Residential area
33 More nimble
34 Cafe customer
35 Carried
36 Fischer's specialty
39 Musical programs
43 Thataway
44 Complete
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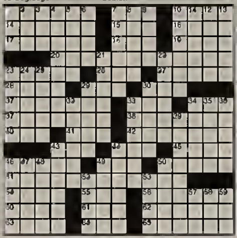


CHAOS by Brian Shuster

When antelopes speed.

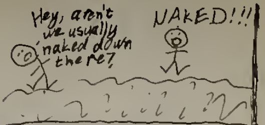
TASK FORCE SCRAMBLE

Names of each of the 10 persons listed below are anagrams of their occupations. No. 1 Ed Stint, for instance, is a dentist. Let's see how many of the rest you can unscramble.

1. Ed Stint ___.
2. Lem Burp ___.
3. Art Chee ___.
4. Terry Case ___.
5. Sue Gorn ___.
6. Sal Means ___.
7. Peter Cran ___.
8. Tese Arc ___.
9. Lois Gibol ___.
10. Pam Gormer ___.

See if you can puzzle out at least six correctly.

Top down: Dentist, plumber, teacher, secretary, surgeon, salesman, carpenter, actress, biologist, programmer.


Hey, aren't we usually naked down there?
NAKED!!!

Kalvin Clein
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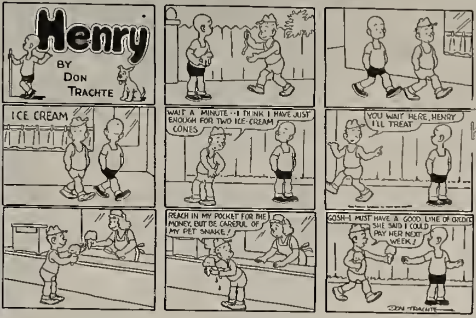
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ICE CREAM
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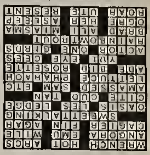
YOU WAIT HERE, HENRY I'LL TREAT
REACH IN MY POCKET FOR THE MONEY, BUT BE CAREFUL OF MY PET SNAKE!
GOSH—I MUST HAVE A GOOD LINE OF CREDIT SHE SAID I COULD PAY HER NEXT WEEK!
DON TRACHTE



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I heard Brandon Howes plays for the other team.

Spring St. looking for girls to cuddle and watch movies with on Sunday-Wednesday.

How much is too much?

I want to lick JJ's tooshie.

Tell your mom that, Mike needs knew shoes.

How many licks does it take to get to the center of a tootsie pop...let's find out....1....2....3....*crunch*.....3.

Are camels really that furry?

I want spring to oome soon! I hate this snow.

I'll taki Josie on any day....just oome get me when you wanna go!

KiKi, you left your socks on my porch....and your underwear too.

Erin, we should go grocery shopping soon....I need more granola.

Prinlau....did you know that your boyfriend likes to talk in his sleep?

I wanna make a hemp necklace Kristi! Give me some hemp please!!!

I would rather be in Boston than here. I hope I can move soon!!!!

Christine, let's go to Oregon. I have a pull to go there....we can explore.

K. Foley is such a babe.

Someone needs to tell Maria to not reek of alcohol.

Justin I need you to help fix my oomputer!!!

It's time to become friends with the flag.

Where's the donuts at, yo?

Lisa, let's go out sometime - your secret admirer.

I'm gonna look sooooooo good in my dress for the senate banquet....all the boyz are gonna want me!

Let's pretend that this whole thing never happened, Sheri.

I wish I had never devoted all of that time to Matt...boys suck.

The people in my speech class need to learn how to take a joke.

ErikR. is such a flirt.

Wayne and Lauren....you guys are so cute!

I love acting out the scene from "Ghost" with the pottery wheel by myself.

I have a date and you don't - Matt S.

Don't tell mom the babysitters dead, okay?

Getting Mono was like, the best diet ever.

Hip? Hip-hop? Hip-hop-anonymous? Damn you! Why you give him all the easy ones?!?!!

Did someone let a stinky one go?

Every Thursday I find myself in a pile of my own... clothes?

The Battle of the Talents was awesome!

If you pay her 50 rupees, she'll stick a sword in her butt.

I've got a crush on your dog.

Howie, maybe if you turned on the lights you could read the writing on the wall.

I'm not concerned with how much I drink, just how much I spill.

-Jane, summer winds were always our song, Chris.

Suplex!

emo is for geeks.

First time at a party, last time at a party.

I spotted the Pube Fairy dancing around Lammers Hall late at night.

Jake made friends with a boy the other day who told him he had a pot belly.

The batteries in my hearing aids are dying, did you say this campus is diverse?

Don't make fun of people who smoke, natural selection has to work somehow.

Little girl look what you do, I love you.

I have no intention of taking my shirt off in advance.

Scuba A.K.A Haircut A.K.A Steve is awesome.

I wish Aqua would play Spring Weekend.

Deanna is one hot piece of ace....

I don't know if I prefer white paper or yellow paper. There both so nice!

Nellie, I meant to tell that you I like your earings.

With or with out you.

Don't be nice to me now if you can't be nice to me all of the time.

Let me know when you want to eat that pudding....it's lookin really good right now.

I think that bigbird was once my uncle or something like that, but I'm not really sure.

Did you tell me to shutup? Let me tell you something, Tiff, don't talk to me like that or you will be sorry.

I am so bored right now, I think that my ear is gonna fall off...and then I will mail it to the person I hate.

Bobb's so proud of all of them.

Shotgun is my favorite song right now!!!!!

It's my dreaaaaam to ride shotgun in your ear.

Elisa stands corrected.

I think that mailmen are sexy....especially the one in Courtney Hall.

E32 in Dickinson hall wants more popcorn.

I'm looking for an apt. off campus. Kevin Heaton #7550

El Barto Rules.

Note: The personals are a service f[illegible] WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

Spring Weekend Tickets: On Sale 9am-4pm until April 6 at the Ely Service Window. Student Guests of Commuters and Apartments - $20. Student Guests of Dorm Residents - $37.

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 4/2	11:30 p.m.	Indian Earthquake Relief Lunch ($5 Students/$10 Fac./Staff)	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office
	8:00 p.m.	Monday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Get Carter" and "The 6th Day"	Channels 56&57
Tue 4/3	10:00 a.m.	Computer Workshop: Intro to MS Access	Bates Multimedia Lab
	11:30 a.m.	Pizza Giveaway w/Guitar Dudes	Ely Main Lounge
	3:00 p.m.	Computer Workshop: Photoshop Basics Part 1	Bates Multimedia Lab
	3:00 p.m.	Baseball vs. Eastern Connecticut	Alumni Field
	4:00 p.m.	Jean Kilbourne, "The Naked Truth: *Advertising's Image of Women*"	Dever Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:00 p.m.	Softball vs. Elms	
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:00 p.m.	Video: "Keeping the Faith"	Ely Lower Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Crew" and "The Godfather"	Channels 56&57
Wed 4/4	3:30 p.m.	Baseball vs. Trinity	Alumni Field
	3:30 p.m.	Honors Performance of Non-competitive Piano Exhibition	Dever Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Ely 232
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Patriot" and "Remember the Titans"	Channels 56&57
	8:00 p.m.	John Whiting's "The Devils" ($2 Students/$4 Fac./Staff)	Ely Studio Theater
Thur 4/5	3:00 p.m.	Computer Workshop: Photoshop Basics Part 2	Bates Multimedia Lab
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Ely 130
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Almost Famous" and "Erin Brokovich"	Channels 56&57
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"The Naked Truth" comes to WSC

By Adrienne Lamplough
Voice Reporter

An audience of 450 students and faculty filled the seats in Dever Auditorium to listen to Jean Kilbourne's speech "The Naked Truth: Advertising's Image of Women" last Tuesday afternoon according to Professor Nessim Watson of the Communication Department.

Kilbourne has twice been awarded Lecturer of the Year from the National Association of Campus Activities, has been a guest on Oprah and 20/20, and has written books and produced a number of videos, including her new release "Killing Us Softly III: Advertising's Image of Women," said Watson.

"Kilbourne teaches each of us to see ourselves and our world differently," said Watson.

Kilbome's speech consisted of a forty-five minute slide show presentation. This presentation showed the audience what it is to be a woman in this culture and that the real purpose of the media is to deliver the audience to the advertiser said Kilbourne.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Jean Kilbourne signs copies of her book for students after her speech.

"Since the beginning of the new millennium the average American has seen 3,000 ads every day and spends three years of their lives watching commercials," said Kilbourne. "Ads sell products, but they also sell values, images and normalcy, they tell us who we are and who we should be."

According to Kilbourne, women are surrounded by advertising. Advertisers project and ideal image of the "beautiful woman" and women feel that they must work to achieve that impossible look.

"No one looks like this," said

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Three South Lot vandals arrested

25 cars broken into; some students doubt campus safety

By Susie Barraso
Voice Reporter

25 cars were broken into at South Lot during the early morning hours on March 28, leading to the arrest of three men in connection with the crime, according to campus police.

"These three men were pretty sloppy. They did a lot of damage and got very little value out of it," said WSC Chief of Public Safety Paul Scannell. Most of the items stolen from vehicles were stereo faceplates, radar detectors, and CD's.

According to Scannell, at about 2:45 a.m. Wednesday morning, a Westfield Police Officer, Efrain Luna, noticed a broken window in one of the vehicles parked in South Lot and spotted a few men running. He immediately notified Westfield State College's Public Safety, who sent their own officers to investigate the area.

"We had officers right down there to cover the scene," said Scannell. "Westfield Police also sent an officer with a dog. They went out and did a check of the woods, but they couldn't find the people who broke in."

Westfield Police left while WSC's Public Safety continued to cover the area. The focus was then centered on several vehicles parked in the lot. "We checked all the vehicles in the lot with no decals," said Scannell, "to determine if we could have an outsider parked in that lot."

WSC's Public Safety found several cars with no decals and got the registration listings for each car. They kept an eye on the vehicles to see if anyone would come to take them.

Around 5 a.m., Scannell and

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Career Services offers student job search help

Office encourages Seniors to seek career advice

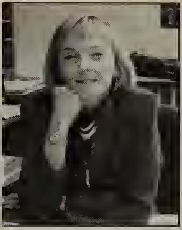
By Kay Saltmarsh
Voice Staff

Need help revising your resume? Need help writing a cover letter? Want to know what types of jobs are available in your line of work?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Career Services at Westfield State College (WSC) is available free of charge, to help with such tasks as resume writing, cover letters, job searches and much more. It is opened every weekday, year round and located in Lammers Hall, according to Maureen McCartney, Director of Career Services.

Career Services is a service that provides assistance with career guidance to any member of the college community, alumni, the employer community and any individual thinking about attending WSC, said McCartney.

The "employer community" pertains to employers who are seeking full or part time employees, interns and summer workers, McCartney said.



-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Maureen McCartney

"At Career Services, we like to consider those individuals who visit as lifetime members of our services," McCartney said. "Even if you graduate and go on to have a family and then 10 or 15 years down the road, you decide to come back, the doors are always open at Career Services for you."

"We probably see at least 1000 appointments each semester," McCartney said. "You can't come to Career Services just once."

Career Services is staffed with three professionals, four support staff

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Fitzgerald is leaving for Texas

By Public Affairs
Special to the Voice

Maureen Fitzgerald of Easthampton will be leaving the position of Associate Director of Development at Westfield State College this month to accept a new post with the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

Fitzgerald, 47, is a graduate of Westfield State College and has worked there for over 20 years. She was hired by the college's Alumni Association as its first professional executive director in 1980. She maintained her role in alumni relations when she became an employee of the college in 1984. Soon after, when Westfield State established a development office, she became one of the college's first full-time fund-raisers. She also has served with the Association of Professional Administrators, part of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

"Maureen ushered the college's alumni program into the

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Communication Professor out for year due to illness

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

Professor Edwin Abar, Jr. of the Communication Department is in hospital care and will not be teaching his classes for the remainder of the semester due to a recent illness, said Elizabeth Preston, Chair of the Communication Department.

"Professor Abar remains in critical condition in the Intensive Care Unit at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester after undergoing back surgery," said Preston.

Preston said that substitute instructors were immediately found to teach Abar's classes. She said that Peter Mazza, former Vice President of Student Affairs, has taken over instructing Communication Law, Joseph Tobia, a former Communication professor, has taken over Persuasive Communication, and Jon Conlogue, Director of Residential Life, has taken over Intro to Mass Communication.

-File Photo

Professor Edwin Abar

Preston said that all three men have experience in the area they are teaching. "Peter Mazza has a background in law, and Jon Conlogue has taught our Intro course before, and has a degree in communications," she said.

Some students in Abar's classes said that they miss having him as an instructor.

Jessica McCready, a junior in the Communication Law class, said that her class is still good, but she misses having Professor Abar.

"The class isn't the same without him," she said. "I'm still learning, but I'm not getting the same experience as other students who've had him."

Kim Kleis, a junior in the Persuasive Communication class, said that she was originally motivated by her class, but now she has to adjust to a new instructor.

"It's hard to adapt to a new professor," she said. "His style of teach

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Kilbourne. "These looks are based on computer retouching."

Kilbourne produced a slide featuring the cover of the movie "Pretty Woman" with Julia Roberts. Roberts is pictured as extremely thin and tall. Kilbourne said a body double was used for this, and the only body part that is actually Julia Roberts is her head. Body doubles are always in advertising and movies according to Kilbourne.

-Photo by Keliy Clarke

Kilbourne speaking in Dever.

"Women are judged against ideal standards," she said. "This ideal image does affect the self-esteem in women and girls."

According to Kilbuume, women's bodies are seen as objects and things, and advertising dehumanizes women. The United States has an obsession with thinness and through advertising the obsession is magnified. Young girls and women see female models in ads that are beautiful and thin. These ads make their female audiences want to become more like the idealized model. The ads are telling women that they can't win, said Kilbuume.

"Girl's self-esteem plummets when they reach adolescence," said Kilbourne. "Men don't go through the same issues as women. Men don't live in a world where their bodies are scrutinized."

According to Kilbourne, the image of women is how they look while the image of men is how successful they are. Ads give girls and women the idea that they shouldn't take up too much space. Girls are seen as fragile and they should be small and thin. This has caused women and girls to obsess about their weight, she said.

"One-fifth of girls and women have eating disorders in the United States, while eighty percent of fourth grade girls are on diets," said Kilbourne. "This is an enormous amount of stress for women and girls."

Only five percent of women have perfect bodies and women believe that they should look like the models in the ads, she said.

The advertising industry has projected an unattainable goal, which has caused consumers to spend $50 billion on diet products. These products can be harmful, they don't work and they may kill you, said Kilbourne.

"Dieting is a very surefire way to gain weight. Dieting is not the answer," she said. Women must learn to eat and exercise for the long term and find pleasure in food and exercising.

According to Kilbourne, women should "Learn to live with and love their bodies." Kilbourne said that it is hard to get accurate information from the media because of the diet, tobacco, alcohol and junk food industries.

"Our popular culture seems to have ability to make women feel terrible about themselves. Media has been able to silence women and girls," said Kilbourne.

Kilbourne said that advertisers don't only target women; men are also seen in a light that provides them with an unattainable ideal image. This image shows men as powerful and bigger than women, who are less powerful and fragile. Boys are taught at a young age not to be sensitive. Ads tell men not to have a sensitive side and not to possess feminine qualities.

"This causes women to always be in danger and always threatened by sexual violence. This dehumanizes all of us, both men and women. Men and women should be able to have both masculine and feminine qualities," said Kilbourne. "Ads trivialize violence against women. Ads imply that women don't mean it when they say no and that all men are animals." While most men aren't violent they may be just afraid to speak up to interrupt the violence.

Kilbourne said she want to change the way women see themselves and to do this one must "Change the ads but also change the attitudes. We have a long way to go."

Abar

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ing is different from Professor Abar's."

Professors in the Communication Department have said that Abar is missed, not only as a friend, but also as a much-needed member of the department.

Preston said that she has taken over as internship coordinator for Communication students, and that Professor Donald Treadwell has taken over the position of advisor to Continuing Education students who are Communication majors.

"We are missing him not only as a Communication professor, but also as an advisor for the Communication Continuing Education Program," he said. "We wish him a speedy return."

Associate Professor John Paulmann said that the Communications department is not the same without Abar.

"He is a central figure of the department," he said. "He's been a strong participant in department matters, and there's a space where he was."

Professor Abar cannot receive flowers in the ICU unit, but if people wish to send cards, they can be dropped off in the Communications

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From the Editor's Desk

Dispatch is worth the 20 bucks

At first I was skeptical when deciding whether or not to pay the $20 fee for Spring Weekend this year. I felt that the one weekend that serves as our sole campus celebration, or 'Mardi Gras,' had been exploited to the point where only those who could afford the fee to see cover bands and rap acts would attend the event, and I did not fit into that category.

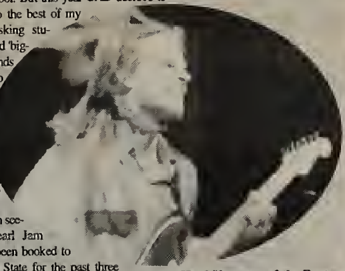
This may come as a surprise to freshman, but once upon a time, my freshman year and all the years before, Spring Weekend was free for all to attend. That year hundreds of people made their way out to enjoy the festivities with bands like Guster, the Pilfers, and campus band, Shoeless Joe.

The Campus Activities Board installed a $10 fee my Sophomore year and I feared the change. Students were required to buy tickets to the show before the bands were known, with the deadline ending before the headliners were confirmed; would you buy tickets to a mystery music show at Foxboro without any idea of who might actually end up playing? I cannot afford such risks. But that year CAB had to make a tough decision, based upon their best judgment and some student surveys. For years people complained that we weren't getting big bands like the Goo Goo Dolls and Dave Matthews.

CAB is only allotted a small budget from the General Student fee, with area colleges receiving more than twice what our school has to spend on events over the year and including Spring Weekend. DMB and the Goo Goo Dolls would cost well over three times what CAB has to spend for all its events. So CAB decided to silence its critics, charge a Spring Weekend fee, and get the best bands it could afford.

What students don't know is how difficult it is to book bands with radio airplay and MTV videos for affordable prices. Moreover, CAB has to book these bands well in advance with little knowledge of how many people may actually pay the fee. So why don't we just increase the student general fee? Because in this day in age, it is virtually impossible to increase the tuition and fees of public higher institutions. Politicians actually prefer the opposite: decrease the fees so ALL people can attend college. I'm still not convinced that $10 or $20 more on our college bills for campus activities would make or break any of us.

CAB does their best to silence Spring Weekend critics, who will always exist no matter what band comes to our school. But this year CAB decided to push the fee to $20, to the best of my knowledge without asking students' opinions, to afford 'bigger' bands. The first bands they booked I had no interest in seeing, and I felt the lowest number of Spring Weekend attendees ever would be recorded this April 28, until CAB announced the second headliner.



Chad Urmston of the Boston based band Dispatch.

I have no interest in seeing Itchyfish, the Pearl Jam cover band, who has been booked to play here at Westfield State for the past three years, or Children of the Korn: the actual band is obnoxious enough. And I had never heard of Shaggy, JaRule, or the confirmed co-headliner Rahzel; I couldn't tell their music apart if my life depended on it. The show will open at 11:30 a.m. with campus rock band Lloyds Hill, but let's face it, it'll be hard enough for the band members to be up before noon on a Spring Weekend Saturday.

But when I talked to Maggie Smith last week, she informed me that over 500 people had already purchased their tickets. She also said that the ticket deadline will be replaced by a first come first serve sellout of the event, taking 1,700 to sell out the show. So it seems that despite the hefty fee, CAB's gamble is on its ways towards working out. As long as students are willing to pay for what the authorities would refuse to adjust on our bills, Spring Weekend will be a success.

As for the second headliner, they are worth the $20 fee themselves. Dispatch is an amazing up-and-coming band with roots in Colorado, Connecticut and Mass. I have seen them sell out two incredible shows this semester at Pearl Street in Northampton and the Palladium in Worcester, and they've been touring the country for some time in their old Ford Econoline van.

Dispatch is a blend of many different forms of music and they sound like a combination of Sublime, Bob Marley, Guster, and a happier Rage Against the Machine. The band consists of three front men who put on a live show incomparable to any other performer out there now, including frequent instrument trading, percussive jams, raps, intricate harmonies, and changeovers from acoustic to electric set-ups. They've been playing together since 1995, when they formed at Middlebury College, have recorded four albums to date, and have raised ears in independent music circles; recently Napster has made "The General" a high school and college student underground hit.

Check out their website at dispatchmusic.com or hear them on MP3.com. Currently they are signed to Bomber Records; however last month they had talks with major record industry labels including Epic and Electra. I assure you they will be selling out the Tweeter Center and being overplayed on MTV soon; make sure you can tells your friends from home you saw them at your college before they were huge. They go on at 2:00 p.m. so be sure not to sleep in too late. They are the best band out there right now and the three of them could kick the crap out of DMB and The Goo Boys combined. Trust me, the $20 is well worth it for Dispatch.

-R.J. Burgess III, Editor-in-chief

Career Services

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members and five or six "very skilled" peer workers, McCartney said.

"The bulk of the work done at Career Services is mostly one-on-one career counseling," McCartney said.

"We like to work with students before they even enter college," McCartney said. "We like to work with students early on, so we can help them think about suitable career paths, majors and the courses they should take."

Career Services also offers assistance by means of internships and the Co-op Program, McCartney said.

"During sophomore and junior years, Career Services tries to focus on students' experience in their field of study," McCartney said. "We help students find internships because it is a valuable way for students to discover if they want to pursue a career in their chosen field."

The Co-op Program is also a way for students to obtain field experience in their chosen subject of interest and they are typically paid, McCartney said.

Another way Career Services assists with the career discovery process is through the use of self-assessment techniques. There are tools installed in the computers specifically designed for these techniques, McCartney said.

Diagnostic tests, such as focus tests, are also available in Career Services to help you figure out what your interests are and they only take about a half hour to complete, Career Services student worker Beth Johansson said.

"I think the main goal of Career Services is to help in every stage throughout your college years," Johansson said. "It's important to get in touch with Career Services during freshman year to make college less stressful and to help figure out where you're going with your education."

"Usually when students reach senior status, Career Services assists with resume writing, cover letters and job searches," McCartney said. "We offer on campus recruiting, job fairs and class-room presentations."

"Many students who are graduating share a common goal, to focus on their careers," senior Sarah Sugrue said. "This is a crucial time in their lives and Career Services is a good starting point."

Sugrue also said she will probably visit Career Services for help with revising her resume and for ways to find jobs in her field of study.

"During my sophomore year, I went to Career Services and they helped me enormously with my resume," Johansson said.

Career Services is a "support service," and when students combine their efforts with the available resources at Career Services, it makes it easier to find a job that is suitable for their career, Johansson said.

"I think Career Services is a great networking community," Johansson said. "It's a great way to be able to establish yourself for the entire four years you're at WSC."

Career Services also offers a credential file that includes transcripts, letters of recommendations from instructors, resumes and cover letters, Johansson said.

"It's a nice, professional packet that Career Services sends out to potential employers at your request, free of charge the first six times and then it costs $2 each time after that," Johansson said.

Career Services also makes "house calls" to the apartments or dorms by invitations from the students, to discuss career possibilities and concerns, McCartney said.

In addition to the many services that Career Services offers, they also have a web site, located at http://www1.wsc.ma.edu/careers , which gives many possible job listings, McCartney said.

The web site offers a variety of resources, such as a newsletter, a connection to the college central website where you can post your resume online and searches for internships and jobs in and out of this area, Johansson said.

Although Career Services provides many services, some students do not take advantage of these services.

"Since graduation is coming up, I might head over to Career Services to see what options are there," senior Jeff Carter said. "I've never been over there, so I'm not exactly sure what the process is."

"I hope to gain help with putting together my resume and basically just seeing what's available in the communications field," Carter said.

Career Services is definitely good because anything that helps in the process of landing a career is valuable and worthwhile, Carter said.

Until 1990, "Career Planning & Placement" was the name of Career Services, McCartney said.

"I think that name was a little misleading, since we do not offer job placements, McCartney said. "You are the one securing your own job. Career Services is here to assist you in that process and the steps involved in that process."

"It's so hard to pick a career," McCartney said. "I think we have a great service and the services are friendly, free and unlimited."

South Lot

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Campus Police Officer, Chris Coach, decided to look through the woods again. "I said, let's go take a walk and check the wooded area, now that the sun's up, to see if they dropped evidence or if we can find the footprints of these individuals," said Scannell.

"About a quarter of a mile into the woods, all of a sudden we came right upon these three guys walking," said Scannell. "Officer Coach just yelled at them to get down, and two of them dropped right to the ground, the third one ran."

Scannell said that Officer Coach handcuffed the two men. The Westfield Police Officer with a dog returned and followed the third man's footprints. "It took about an hour or so, but we flushed him out of the woods," said Scannell, "then Officer Coach made his third arrest. It was really good police work."

The three men arrested were John Barnwell, 21 of Leominster, Corey Herold, 19, of Fitchburg, and John McCall, 23 of Gardner. None of the men were students at WSC.

They were arraigned at Westfield District Court the same day of the arrest. According to the Westfield Evening News, the three men were charged with trespassing on state property, breaking and entering in the nighttime with the intent of committing a felony, malicious destruction of property valued greater than $250 and larceny greater than $250.

Scannell said that they have had numerous problems with vandalism in South Lot and they had increased security patrolling since the last break-ins. Westfield Police had also agreed to periodically patrol the parking lot in conjunction with the campus police.

Scannell believes that the increased security has helped the situation. "Up until this incident, in the last year we've arrested 8 people for breaking into cars," said Scannell. "I think we've had a pretty good record, but we're still very concerned about the cars down there."

Kelly Walsh and Jen Kezer, both freshmen, were unaware that campus police had increased security. "I have my dad's car here for the week," said Walsh, "and I feel better knowing that they've upgraded security."

Carrie Marie Janik, a junior, said that she usually only parks her car in south lot if there's a snow storm or if she has to because it's so far away. She has been more concerned about her own safety rather than the safety of her car.

"I know security patrols it sometimes," said Janik, "but I've been there and I know that I've been the only one in the parking lot and if anything were to happen to me, no one would have been there."

Laura Drive, the street adjacent to the street leading to South Lot, is a dense residential neighborhood. Many of the neighbors were unavailable to comment on how safe they felt the area was.

One neighbor did say that he has seen the campus police patrol the area frequently. Although he said he was not aware of the recent vandalism in South Lot, he did say that he hasn't felt unsafe in his home because of the close proximity of the parking lot.

Scannell also mentioned that many of the cars that were broken into had valuables visibly lying around. He said that doing simple things such as putting away CD's and taking the faceplates off stereos could possibly prevent break-ins. "This is the crime prevention side of it," said Scannell. "It prevents us from having victims."

Voice of The Week

Nessim Watson

POSITION AT WSC: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION

BORN IN: NEW YORK CITY

FAMILY: WIFE, DAUGHTER 2 YEARS OLD

YEARS AT WSC: 6

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: ACADEMIC FREEDOM

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: STUDENTS REFUSING TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR WORLD

FAVORITE QUOTE: "PEACE IS NOT JUST THE ABSENCE OF WAR, IT IS THE PRESENCE OF ACTIVE JUSTICE."

HOBBIES: LIVE MUSIC, DRUMS

MOST LIKE TO MEET: NELSON MANDELA

FAVORITE BAND: PHISH

HIS TAKE ON THE SEX, GENDER AND THE MEDIA SERIES: "THE SERIES PROVES THAT EDUCATION CAN BE BOTH DESIRABLE AND FUN."

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Fitzgerald

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modern era," said President Frederick W. Woodward. "She institutionalized alumni relations and brought them to a new level of sophistication. She has played a major role in nearly every special college event, from annual homecomings to the sesquicentennial celebration. Her dedication, energy, and ideas have earned the respect of the college community, and we wish her well."

Fitzgerald also has been active in the Westfield community, including service for the YMCA and the Rotarians.

Fitzgerald will be managing director of development with the University of Texas Medical Branch.

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Some students tried to register for ENGL 0353, Costume and Fashion Design, and had trouble doing so. There was an error in the number of students allowed in the course, but it has been corrected.

If you were one of these students, and would still like to take this course in Fall 2001, please contact the Registrar, or call Professor Julie Leavitt at x5682, or Professor Jack Shea at x5333. The course can also be added during Add/Drop week.

Gay marriage law takes effect in Holland

By Keith Richburg
Washington Post

AMSTERDAM, April 1 - Anne-Marie Thus was nervous, like any bride before her wedding. Frank Wittebrood has to get used to saying ``my man." And Dolf Pasker wanted to proclaim his love to the world.

Thus, Wittebrood and Pasker were selected to be among the first four couples to be married at midnight last Saturday at Amsterdam City Hall. The group ceremony was like many others here in most respects. But this time, the event was watched by hundreds of journalists, activists and onlookers as the mark of a new era here.

All of the couples are gay, and they married partners of the same sex.

The Netherlands' new marriage law, which took effect last Sunday, eliminates the definition of ``marriage" as a union between a man and a woman, effectively legalizing civil marriage between same-sex Dutch couples. As officially married couples, gay men and lesbians will be able to claim pension benefits if a partner dies. They can take their partner's last name. They can adopt children, if the children are Dutch. And they have the right to have their marriages recognized overseas.

Other countries have adopted rules for ``registered partnerships" for gay couples living together; the Netherlands, too, has such a law. But the new Dutch law goes further than anywhere else in the world in fully opening marriage-and all the benefits that flow from marriage - to same-sex couples, with no restrictions and no discrimination, legally at least.

Amsterdam Mayor Job Cohen presided over the midnight ceremony in the circular city council chambers, which were packed and specially decorated with red and pink roses. The couples held hands as the mayor asked them, one by one, if they took the other as their partner. Then he banged a gavel to pronounce them married, and they all kissed, to wild applause from the gallery. The mayor then produced rings that they slipped on each other's fingers.

Afterward, in the City Hall foyer, guests were treated to pink champagne and a pink cake adorned with a modern twist on the traditional wedding cake statues - six men together and two women in gowns.

At a time when gay marriage is being hotly debated in the United States, the Netherlands-which has consistently taken leading positions on social issues from euthanasia to drug use-has, with little public debate and only a few voices of criticism, made same-sex marriage a reality.

``We still have to work on things with the general public," said Henk Krol, editor of the Gay Krant magazine, who led a long crusade for the new law opening marriage to same-sex couples. ``But as far as the law is concerned, this is the end, because gay people are now perfectly equal in the Netherlands."

After the law was enacted last year, Gay Krant ran a column asking for couples who might want to be first, as part of last night's elaborate ceremony, which included a pre-marriage news conference with city officials and a party afterward at an Amsterdam gay disco.

All of the couples who married early today have been together for several years. Anne-Marie Thus, 31, and her partner, Helene Faasen, 34, have been together since late 1998, and have been registered partners since October 1999. They have one child, a 9-month-old boy, for whom Thus is the birth mother.

Under another change in the law, for married same-sex couples with a child in the home, the non-birth mother will automatically have parental authority over the child.

``It makes you feel special, being one of the first same-sex couple marriages anywhere in the world," said Thus, a nurse. ``It's not that we say you (gay couples) have to get married," she said. But she said heterosexuals were able to choose between marriage, the registered partnership or a contract for living together. Gay couples were limited to the latter two.

``We wanted it all," she said. ``We wanted to make the choice ourselves."

Bush's global climate stance outrages world leaders

By Carol Williams
Los Angeles Times

BERLIN - The court of world opinion delivered a tough verdict Friday on President Bush's decision to put the U.S. economy ahead of global climate protection. Politicians, environmentalists and commentators accused Bush of arrogance, isolationism and being ``just not big enough for his job."

Reactions from Europe to China and Japan ranged from mildly reproving to venomous. However, they all judged the decision to withdraw from an agreement that requires the largest industrialized nations to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases as a moral lapse by the world's biggest polluter. They declared that it would damage U.S. well-being as much as its image.

European leaders had been counting on German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder to persuade Bush at a Washington summit Thursday to reconsider his decision to abandon objectives set in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997 because of the California energy crisis and the mounting threat of recession.

Schroeder's failure to persuade Bush unleashed outrage among other industrialized nations that remain committed to reducing emissions that many scientists believe contribute to global warming.

The 15-state European Union announced that it will send an emergency delegation to Washington next week to press the White House on the importance of concerted international action to halt global warming.

The United States casts itself as ``the unrepentant outlaw," warned Britain's Guardian newspaper. The Tokyo Shimbun denounced the administration for exhibiting ``great-power greed."

The French daily Liberation said Americans were fostering ``hostile opinions and an explosive diplomatic isolation," as well as declining air quality. The Portuguese daily Publico described Bush as acting with ``the arrogance of someone who thinks he owns the world."

Some social leaders threatened economic retaliation unless U.S. delegates return to the global climate conference that next meets in the former German capital, Bonn, in July.

American and European delegates failed to reach agreement on details of the Kyoto accord at the last session in the Netherlands.

Mexico has expressed support for Bush's decision. Like many developing countries, it had argued that the goals for greenhouse gas reduction unfairly limited growth in their nations.

``We understand the U.S. position," said Victor Lichtinger, Mexico's environment secretary. ``We can't try to go too fast" on reducing emissions, he said, ``because that means at some point we have to retreat."

Canada's environment minister, David Anderson, said European rigidity forced Bush to act.

But British Labor parliamentarian Alan Simpson said of the U.S. retreat on the Kyoto accord: ``It is equivalent to launching a nuclear attack whose missiles will land across the globe over the next 30 years.

``I am calling on environmental and consumer groups to help organize an international boycott of American products," he said. People should have a way of ``refusing to buy into environmental destruction."

Greenpeace called the U.S. position ``outrageous" and said the president's arguments against the Kyoto standards echo those of the major oil companies that bankrolled his bid for the White House.

Many statements seemed designed to shame Americans.

The World Council of Churches described the decision as ``a betrayal of their responsibility as global citizens."

Commentaries warned that Washington was playing dangerous games in its position as the world's most powerful country.

``By this blinkered action, Mr. Bush strengthens suspicions that he is just not big enough for his job," the Guardian said in an editorial. ``But most appalling of all is the message, taken alongside similarly shortsighted, self-centered actions in the fields of defense and diplomacy, that this Taliban-style act of wanton destruction sends around the world. Instead of leading the community of nations, Bush's America seems increasingly intent on confronting it."

Political leaders expressed their dismay in more polite language. But even U.S. allies like French President Jacques Chirac made clear their alarm at the U.S. decision.

``At a time of global warming and of a disturbing challenge to the Kyoto Protocol, how can we affirm the right to a protected and preserved environment, the right of future generations?" Chirac asked during a speech to the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

German Environment Minister Juergen Trittin called Bush's action ``isolationist." He argued that it would harm rather than help the U.S. economy by encouraging continued energy waste and delaying development of alternative resources.

Numbers on Bush

By Richard Morin
Washington Post

Plummeting stock prices and growing fears of a recession have eroded support for President Bush 's plan to allow Americans to use some of their Social Security contributions to invest in the stock market, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

The survey found that barely half the country - 52 percent - supports Bush's proposal to partially privatize Social Security. That's down from 64 percent in May, when public confidence in the economy stood at record levels and the New York Stock Exchange had only begun its 15-month slide.

The poll also suggests that these economic jitters may be taking their toll on the Bush presidency.

The president's job approval rating stands at 58 percent, up slightly from 55 percent in January. But the proportion of Americans who say they disapprove of the way Bush is handling the presidency has increased by 10 percentage points, to 33 percent, since late January. Half of respondents say they approve of the way the president is handling the economy. And six in 10 say Bush has favored ``large corporations" over the interests of ordinary citizens.

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JON SEWELL

Man, those Bible thumping types are peculiar little critters.

Yeah, I had a delightful run-in with a roving pack of them a couple weeks ago while I was down in North Carolina. There I was, minding my own business, wandering through the streets of lovely Raleigh, when I suddenly found myself surrounded by a group of pamphlet waving, soul condemning teenagers. Oh, they were a wily bunch, carefully positioning themselves around a strip of bars and jazz clubs. Their rational, it seemed, was that anyone with the audacity enough to frequent an establishment that played live music and served alcohol obviously had a cold, withered heart, and was in desperate need of saving.

While my friends deftly maneuvered between them to the safety of our waiting bus, I found myself trapped. One particularly zealous young lady approached me, her jaw set in determination, pamphlets in hand. She opened up with the time honored "Have you been saved?" I asked her if she had much success with that line. Sputtering, she immediately condemned me to hell. "Wow," I replied, "that didn't take long." She asked me if I thought that an eternity in hell was funny. I countered by asking her if God had given her the right to decide who was and who wasn't saved. Apparently stumped, she retreated, only to be replaced by an older, wiser street preacher (he must have been at least 20…a veritable sage). ANY sin at all, he informed me, would result in an absence from God's grace, and I would experience eternal suffering. In the same breath, he told me that none of us were perfect. I asked him if he realized how contradictory that argument was. He stared at me with pity. I asked him if he recognized the role of forgiveness, acceptance, and hope in Christianity. He smiled gently, apparently deeming me too simple minded for his highly refined argument of "it's true because someone told me that the Bible said so." He handed me a pamphlet. Resigned, I took it. Glancing at the cover, I had to chuckle. It was entitled: "5 Easy Steps to Salvation." I was tempted to ask if it was right to trivialize God's word and Christ's sacrifice into "easy" steps. But I docided to save my breath. I shook both of their hands (that one sure took them aback), wished them luck, and ambled back to my bus.

I'm not trying to mock these people's beliefs. Far from it. I myself have a very profound faith in God. It's central to who I am. Nor am I necessarily opposed to organized religion. I was raised in the church. In fact, my stepfather is a minister. What I am opposed to is blind adherence to an unyielding doctrine. I've had fundamental Christians tell me that followers of other religions, people who have never had any exposure to the faith, are damned. To me, this view seems more un-Christian than any belief in other faiths.

I'm a Christian. It makes sense to me. But is it "right"? I don't know. That's why it's called faith. People, especially these overzealous street preachers I did battle with, seem to forget this. To them, doubt is blasphemy. I was fortunate enough to be brought up with the belief that questioning your faith is one of the strongest indicators of it's existence. If you aren't willing to put your beliefs to the test, then of what value are they? I believe Soren Kierkegaard once said that without risk, there can be no faith. I couldn't agree more. If I take any issue with organized religion, it's on this point. It seems people are usually discouraged from thinking for themselves, "believing" in God out of fear, rather than love.

My basic philosophy comes down to this: God loves me. Because of this, I want to do the most good in this world as I can, And that's about it. This means accepting all people, whatever their personal faith may be.

Hmmm. There's no way that I can say all I need to about this in only two pages. Therefore, I'm going to end it here. Still I'd love any feedback. Whether you agree with me, question some of my points, or think I'm a blithering idiot, you can reach me at dukesewell@hotmail.com. Or I suppose you could just talk to me in person too. I'm around. And until next week, God bless.

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

Don't Call Me Baby

KATHERINE MANNING

Just as it has every year, the Week Celebrating Women ran smoothly, and once again, was accompanied by nasty comments from nearby windows as the marchers against violence proceeded by with their righteously good cause. However, leaving little effect on the magic of the "Take Back the Night" event, it was tremendously powerful nonetheless.

Following the march was a candlelight vigil on the front steps of Ely, as participants sounded the gong when a story of a violent event was told. While "taking back the night" was what part of this was intended to do, the ultimate purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the seriousness of the problem. Some of the stories were as chilling as the cold weather that dealt us light snow that night.

Some were hesitant to share their stories, but slowly more and more began to go up and tell of someone that they knew who had been a victim of violence, male and female. Some were worse than others, but none were optimistic. It was startling; startling because these were real stories of real people.

"The wind may be blowing our candles out," one woman said, "but like the light of it, our hopes cannot be stopped that violence will come to an end." This analogy had me nearing tears as we stood afterwards in silent meditation with no sound except for that very wind itself.

To lighten things up a bit, the candlelit vigil was followed by a poetry reading. Retired Women's Studies professor and department head Brooks Robards read some enchanting poems that were written about and inspired by Martha's Vineyard, her summer home. All that attended were in awe of this wondrous and quietly charismatic author that many of us had once known, as her retirement was a recent one. I liked her book so much, in fact, that I bought a copy for my mother, also a Martha's Vineyard lover. I told Robards that I, like many others, do not give nearly as much to my mother as I should.

Towards the end of the reading two students read poems of their own, displaying a real talent that might otherwise had never been brought to the surface.

Then again though, this was the whole point to Women's Week: to bring things to the surface that have otherwise been buried. It is our way of saying, wake up people–things aren't as rosy as we would like to think yet.

K. Manning is a Voice Columnist

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A Day in the Life

ANGELA LAPIERRE

Wow. I wasn't expecting such a great reception to the article I wrote 2 weeks ago about the weird stuff that happens at Westfield State College. Heck, even the awesome staff in the Dining Commons (with the exception of Dottie) enjoyed it. Thanks to everyone who has been reading my column. To show my gratitude, I've decided to do a sequel to "Weird and Wacky Things That Happen Only at Westfield State College." I hope you guys like it!

Only at Westfield State College:

...can you have a campus green that is white 75% of the time. (I am REALLY getting sick of this crappy weather! I'm sincerely hoping I didn't lug all my summer clothes up here for nothing. Make it stop!)

...can you have Red Sox fans and Yankees fans living on the same campus. Personally, I enjoy both teams. But let me tell you, it was sheer HELL trying to find someone to watch the playoffs with last year without getting death threats. Why can't Red Sox fans and Yankees fans just get along? I know there's this long, involved history of a huge rivalry between the two teams, but seriously, we're all adults here, GROW UP! If Nomar and Jeter can be buddies and go bar-hopping together, why can't you?

...can you have people hate a school so much that they write a song about how they don't ever want to go back. (By the way, I loved Awful Juice's performance at the Battle of the Talents, but DJ's crazy superman costume complete with sweatbands won me over...)

...can you be considered in the minority if you're not from Massachusetts or Connecticut. (This one's especially for my friend Alexis who hails from New Jersey!) It's so bad here that people from western Mass make fun of my Bostonian accent, and I've never lived near Boston!

...can you see a black squirrel. Now this is a true oddity. I don't think I've seen a black squirrel anywhere but Westfield. Even my parents were surprised when they saw one while moving me into the dorms last year. They were so stunned that they begged me to take a picture and mail it to them so that they could show all their friends. I swear, the black squirrel is so popular that it has become part of the curriculum here at WSC. Last semester I actually endured a lecture in Environmental Biology on the black squirrel and took an exam that contained questions about it. (I can just picture a biology professor coming up with their curriculum for the year and thinking, "Screw cell structure! Those kids won't be prepared for the real world unless they learn about the black squirrel!")

...can you see a guy wearing "hammer pants." I honestly thought these were long gone along with slap bracelets and hypercolor sweatshirts, but I guess I was wrong. But hey, I'm psyched to see "hammer pants" come back, because there's hope that Britney Spears and N'Sync will finally go away for good and there will be a return of such "Yo! MTV Raps" all-stars as LL Cool J and Run DMC. (By the way, I'm really bummed that Run DMC isn't coming here...I was dying to see the black jeans and brand-new white sneakers without laces...argh!) It's so nice to see some individuality among the gaggle of Abercrombie and Fitch. (Yes, I admit to wearing A & F on occasion, but not every article of clothing in my closet down to my underwear is from A & F...c'mon guys, there are other stores at the mall that don't charge $50 for a pair of socks...)

...can you live in the lap of luxury your freshman year, only to live in the ghetto your sophomore year. I've heard so many stories about current sophomores who got the shaft last year when it came to their lottery number for housing selection. The hall I live in now isn't so bad, it's just not the hall I lived in last year, complete with all my friends. All I can say is that I hope I'll return to livin' large next year...

Anyway, I hope you guys enjoyed a second look into the oddities of WSC. Stay tuned next week for more of A Day in the Life...

A. LaPierre is a Voice Columnist

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

I wasn't at "Diversity 101" but I'm sorry that I missed it. Several friends of mine went and told me that it was a positive experience, all in all, and that there should be one held every semester. I'm bappy to see that what I've read about happening at other campuses isn't quite so prevelant here. I applaud the sponsors of that evening's program and if it's held again I'll be there.

What's happening at other campuses? Well, it looks like diversity is encouraged as long as it isn't diversity of opinion. We've all known for some time that counterculture is now mainstream. Young people are EXPECTED to pierce their eyebrow, wear ratty clothes, and smoke cloverleafs. It's not only expected, it's encouraged...otherwise why would "Hot Topic" be at the Holyoke Mall? That new tattoo on your lower back may bring you happiness, which is good, but don't act as though it's a statement.

Psst! C'mere. Wanna be TRULY censored? Would you like to be honestly feared and intensely scrutinized by your peers? Try being a conservative. WE are the new campus radicals, WE are the counterculture. And on this campus, oddly enough, WE are the majority. This is no longer a sleepy little teacher's college out in the woods, it's a police training academy now and that has a lot of the oid guard a little peeved, but it makes me smile. Anything that shakes up the old order makes me smile, man.

Hey, listen, a lot of those stormtrooper wanna-bes walking around here crack me up, too, but we NEED them here. Imagine what this place would be like without a nice, strong streak of conservatism running through it? Well, for one thing, it would be much less... diverse. "Selective diversity" is a contradiction in terms. I see some left-wingers running around here, staff and student alike, that make Jesse Jackson look like Jesse Helms. I submit that we NEED some gung-ho, knuckle-dragging, CJ-style Republicans to balance this place out. I also submit that this campus is TRULY "diverse" only in its politics. The only alternative is liberalism run amock and PC unchecked. The point is this... there is no "line item veto" for diversity. You get them all or you get none of them.

One final note... Anne Heche goes straight, Jesse Jackson admits to financial flim-flam, every day the paper tells me more to feel secure in my opinion of the Clintons, and now...Gloria Steinam gets herself a man. Don't you love watching liberal icons tumble? In the Barbara Walters interview she said that she was opposed to marriage for the longest time because of the way the laws were written, being biased towards men. Then she said that, upon re-examination, "the laws are fair now." Her words. Perhaps more radical feminists (I like the normal kind) should change their horn-rimmed prescription and get off campus from time to time... there's actually been quite a lot of change since 1978, you'd be surprised.

What's a radical feminist? The kind who believe that any expression of interest in a woman by a man is harassment, and in doing so trivialize REAL harrassment which actually allows us to see their great minds and enlightened attitudes at work as they actually work against themselves. In a New York Times Magazine piece by Katie Roiphie, she contends that "rape-crisis feminists" who constantly portray women as victims are perpetuating the "weaker sex" stereotypes that real feminism is supposed to allay. Well, if no approach by a man is welcome then women will have to become the aggressors... hey wait, I kinda like that idea. Forget everything I said. You will in five minutes anyway...Peace and balance.

Chris Ward is a Voice Columnist

Coffeehouse draws fewer people than usual

BY JESSICA NORDEN & ANDREWJENNINGS
VOICE STAFF

The monthly coffeehouse brought a record low number of students and a total of 8 performers, ending early last Wednesday night, according to students in attendance.

Lindsay Callahan, Freshman Class President was the emcee for the evening.

Maggie Smith, Vice President of Programming for the Student Government Association, commented on the low attendance.

"This week the LAFE dinner is being held and "The Devils" is opening tonight. The coffeehouse is held every first Wednesday of each month, no matter what else is going on around campus. We still had about eight performers, which is a pretty good turnout. Plus, it's the end of the year, students have homework and other things that they have to do during the week."

Audience member Nathan Lopes also commented on the attendance of students. "There were probably 30 people there. Nothing special. It was just a regular coffeehouse. But the people who showed up seemed to enjoy it."

The first performer was junior Michael J. Lesanto with folk music. He performed three songs, "Jam for Coffeehouse," "Time to Live," and "Reflections." Lesanto has performed at three of the coffeehouses and has been playing for three years. Lesanto said "Music should be carried on in a poetic manner that takes your mind and soul to another level." He said that his influences are Bob Dylan, Ani Difranco, and John Lennon.

WSC band 'So Real' performs at last week's coffeehouse.
-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Senior Lisa Lawrence performed next. Lawrence performed three songs, "Funny Smelling Cigarettes," "In My Shoes," and "Breakdown." She said that her influences are Joni Mitchell, Dar Williams, and Paula Cole. Lawrence has a CD on MP3.com and she commented on performing at the coffeehouse; "I like playing in front of a small group because it's more intimate." Lawrence also performed at the AIDS benefit concert two weeks ago.

Audience member Ashley Hoffman, a sophomore, commented on the coffeehouse. "I feel that coffeehouses probably gives students a break from their studies and so students can show off their musical skills."

Wayne Hsiao and Ken McElroy were the third performers of the evening. Hsiao and McElroy only play together live. They performed at the AIDS benefit and at two coffeehouses. Hsiao and McElroy said, "It's (the music) a spiritual experience."

Erica May performed solo, singing "You Don't Know." May has performed at every coffeehouse of the year and has been singing all of her life. May's influences are Jewel, Tori Amos, Aerosmith, and Madonna. May said, "(The music) It's a way to get all of my feelings out."

So Real, a band formed three months ago, were the fifth performers of the evening. Members of So Real are, Kristin Fehlau '03, Corey Davis '02, Steve Becker '04, and Brian Gorman '02. So Real's debut performace was at the Coffeehouse in February. So Real has performed at the AIDS benefit and the Battle of the Talenst. Their influences are Stevie Ray Vaughan, Less Than Jake, Dave Matthews Band, and Sarah McLachlan.

The sixth perfomer of the night was Nathan Sigman'04, on the guitar. Sigman played four songs, "If I Go," a cover of Dave Matthews' "#41," "Too Far", and a part of the cover "Crash Into Me" by Dave Matthews. Sigman has played for seven years and his influences are Dave Matthews and The Grateful Dead. Sigman said, "It's(music) my escape and it's kept me away from drugs." This is Sigman's fifth coffeehouse.

The Elements Crew were the last performers of the night. Dancing to club music and rap music, they performed various stunts while cheering one another on. The audience was the largest when the Elements Crew performed. Members of the Elements Crew are: Kyle Rudolph, Shaun Davis, Nelson Pires, Martin Lee, Katie Baker, Kristina Martinelli, Aimee Freundlich, Jason Lefter, David Berube, Kevin Vaughan, and Steve Becker. The group has been together since Fall of1999. Their influences are Professional B-Boys on competition videos and they are one another's influences.

WSC actors show true talent in John Whiting's 'The Devils'

TOM PERRON & LAURA GIBSON
VOICE STAFF

The Theatre Arts Program of Westfield State College produced John Whiting's dark drama entitled "The Devils" last week in the Ely theatre.

We attended a sneak preview of this show during its final technical rehearsal, the last night before the play opened. This play was directed by Jack Shea, Assistant Professor of English at WSC.

"The actors in this show have come along way, both in terms of comparison to last semester as well as to earlier this semester." Shea said. "I feel that we are definitely ready for an audience and the actors are extremely excited."

"The Devils" is a dark play that takes place in and near the town of Loudun, and briefly in Paris, between 1623 and 1634. Father Urbain Grandier is accused of devilishly possessing a congregation of nuns at St. John's Church. Throughout the play the question of whether or not the nuns are really possessed is explored by performing exorcisms of various sorts. In the end, Grandier is found guilty and is sentenced to torture and eventually death by hanging.

John K. Hart played the lead male role of Father Urbain Grandier, Vicar of Saint Peter's Church. Hart brought the trials and tribulations of this man to life with his artistic theatrical skills. Hart made the audience question whether he really was possessing Sisters Jeanne, Claire, Louise, and Gabrielle, played by Jennifer Lafleur, Carrie Marie Janik, Julia Santabarbara, and Jessica Leibovitz. Lafleur, Janik, Santabarbara, and Leibovitz kept us entranced with their actions throughout the exorcisms with different voices, names, and attitudes.

Also in the play was Joe Cronin who played the two roles of a sewerman and Father Mignon. In his role of the sewerman, Cronin gave the audience, in the words of Shea, "History about the setting and also about the characters." By using different vocal techniques Cronin made these two characters completely different people even though they were both being played by the same talented actor.

Two comic relief additives to this cynical play were Mannoury and Adam played by Justin Lott and Jamal Collins. Lott and Collins not only made the audience laugh but also think about the fate of Grandier.

The question of whether or not WSC has true talent can not be questioned when looking at this marvelous cast, hut in order to truly appreciate this theatrical production, you must look at the behind the scene aspects of this show.

Carmella Rossomando and Christian Reinhardsen did not only perform all music performed during this show, but the music was also composed hy these two very talented musicians.

The scenic designs by Christopher Slaughter, assistant professor of English, literally transformed the Ely Black Box Theatre into a different world. From the blood red crosses painted along the walls to the fire eating away at the stage, Slaughter did a wonderful job changing this theatre into something way more than a theatre.

The costumes were designed by Julie Leavitt, assistant professor of English. The costumes made WSC students into a group of nuns, priests, and other European characters of the early 1600s.

The play did have its kinks to work out but on the most part was extremely well produced and performed. The only problems we saw were actually not visible problems, but audio problems. In certain scenes it was hard to understand what characters were saying because of the volume of the background music, but besides that, "The Devils" was a wonderful way to spend an evening with the arts.

If you did not have the chance to see "The Devils" performed you truly missed a wonderful experience. Nevertheless, you still will have the chance to hear it performed on the college's radio station, WSKB 89.5 FM, in the Fall of 2001.

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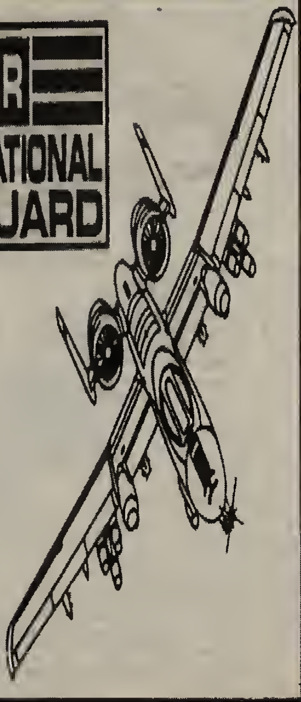

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Hall of Famers

Six former greats were inducted into the Westfield State Athletics Hall of Fame March 31 before an enthusiastic crowd of 170 in Scanlon Banquet Hall. First row, left to right, are: Lou Ann Simchak (softball/basketball, Class of 1977); Chris Moukas (soccer, '77); Mrs. Pat Parker, accepting for her son Tim Parker (basketball, '73). Second row: Paul Bracken (hockey, '80); Bill Weber (baseball, '75); and Miles Woodhouse (track and field, '90).

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Baseball Roundup

Owls Fall To Top-Ranked Teams

Trinity 11 - Westfield State 2

HARTFORD - An eight-run outburst in the first inning powered top-ranked Trinity College to an 11-2 victory over the Westfield State baseball team April 4.

Trinity - ranked No. 1 in New England, improved to 15-1 with its 12th straight victory.

The Owls, 1-11 overall, began Mass. State Conference play this past Saturday when they played a double header at Mass. Maritime Academy Westfield also was scheduled to play a twinbill Sunday at Salem State. The Owls' first home game is slated for Tuesday vs. Williams College.

Junior Greg Spanos of Auburn, Mass., pitched eight shutout innings and had two hits and two RBI for the Bantams. Trinity scored eight runs in the first, capitalizing on five Owl walks and a two-run single by junior Nick Callini of Westfield, Mass., who also pitched the final inning.

Westfield scored two runs in the last inning on a wild pitch and an RBI groundout by freshman Bobby Negron. Will Harden had two of the Owl' three hits.

Eastern Conn. 11 - Westfield 7

MANSFIELD, Conn. - The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team built an early eight-run lead and held off the Westfield State baseball team, 11-7, on Tuesday, April 3.

The win was the fifth in sixth northern games and the fourth in as many years over Westfield for Eastern, which is 10-7 and ranked fourth in New England.

First-year sophomore righty Dave Meeker did not allow a hit over the first five innings in earning his first victory after two losses. Meeker allowed only three baserunners over the first five innings while fanning six, but was roughed up and driven from the mound in the sixth when the Owls struck for six runs on six hits and three walks.

Five Eastern hitters had two hits each and seven different players drove in runs. Senior Nick Tempesta of Brockton, Mass., who broke the Eastern career hit record in Monday's 12-4 victory over Springfield, rapped two hits, scored two runs and drove in a run.

In Westfield's six-run sixth inning, senior third baseman Dan Wenzel drove in the first two runs with a single.

Sophomore first baseman Aaron Belanger of Pittsfield rapped two singles and sophomore second baseman Tim Cadman of Waltham clubbed a double and single.

Sophomore field hockey player Jill Annunciata shows senior Kris Kachelmeyer the women's varsity sports display at the table sponsored by the Westfield State College athletics department during the college's Week Celebrating Women's Health Fair.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Women's Track and Field

DATE	MEET	PLACE
April 11	Springfield Invitational	Springfield
April 14	Smith Invitational	Northampton
April 21	Connecticut College Invitational	New London, CT
April 27	Penn Relays	Philadelphia
April 28	**MASCAC/Alliance Championships**	**Westfield State**
May 5	New England D-3 Championships	Middlebury
May 12	All New England Championships	Williams
May 17-18	ECAC D-3 Championships	Springfield
May 24-26	NCAA D-3 National Championships	Millikin University, IL

Men's Track and Field

DATE	MEET	PLACE
April 11	Springfield Invitational	Springfield
April 14	Smith Invitational	Northampton
April 21	Connecticut College Invitational	New London, CT
April 27	Penn Relays	Philadelphia
April 28	**MASCAC/Alliance Championships**	**Westfield State**
May 5	New England D-3 Championships	Connecticut College
May 12	All New England Championships	UConn
May 17-18	ECAC D-3 Championships	Springfield
May 24-26	NCAA D-3 National Championships	Millikin University, IL

Notices

Progress reports are in for freshman student-athletes. To view them, stop by Ely 246 from 3 to 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Westfield High School needs assistant coaches for girls' track and field and lacrosse. WSC students who have experience and knowledge are urged to call Westfield High School athletics director Al Nummy at 572-6484.

Important Dates To Remember:

- 3.0 Club Academic Reception - April 25

- Varsity Sports Spring Banquet - May 7

Hall of Fame Highlights

Top Photo: Jim Hagan, vice president of Westfield Bank, presents a $2,000 check to President Woodward for the college's Athletics Hall of Fame. Hagan also is a Westfield State graduate and chair of the college's Board of Trustees. Athletics director Ken Magerian noted the donation will assist the Athletics Hall of Fame in the next stage of its development, which is an actual Hall of Fame in the new field house. **Bottom Photo:** President Woodward greets Hall of Fame inductee Chris Moukes, who returned to the Westfield State College campus for the first time since graduating in 1977. Moukas is a native of Athens, Greece, and made a 10-hour flight back to his college alma mater to receive the prestigious honor.

Photos By Mickey Curtis

The Campus Voice Reader Survey

-This survey is designed to gain an accurate view of the opinions of the students at Westfield State College-

Please answer these questions based on the following scale:

1 - I strongly disagree
2 - I disagree
3 - I have no opinion
4 - I agree
5 - I strongly agree

Please include your name and year of graduation. All information will be kept confidential, but is required for accuracy reasons. Any survey that does not have a valid name and/or year will be disqualified.

Please cut out this survey and place it in the box labeled "Campus Voice Surveys" in your Res. Hall, or in the box located in Wilson (Taco Bell Area) or in the Campus Voice Personals box in the Ely Main Lounge.

Please circle the appropriate number

1.) I would recognize President Woodward in a crowd.
1 2 3 4 5

2.) I feel that the Student Government Association (SGA) represents my views to the best of their ability.
1 2 3 4 5

3.) I know who the president of SGA is.
1 2 3 4 5

4.) I know who the president of my class is.
1 2 3 4 5

5.) The library should be open until midnight between Sunday and Thursday.
1 2 3 4 5

6.) The faculty is adequately preparing me for a career in the "real world".
1 2 3 4 5

7.) I support the faculty in their contract dispute.
1 2 3 4 5

8.) SGA should take a stand on the faculty contract dispute.
1 2 3 4 5

9.) I feel the food served in the dining commons is satisfactory.
1 2 3 4 5

10.) The Campus Voice does a satisfactory job reporting the news on this campus.
1 2 3 4 5

11.) I would recommend attending WSC to my friends or family.
1 2 3 4 5

Name: ______________________
Year of Graduation: 2001 2002 2003 2004
Commuter or Resident? ______________________

Personals

The solution to all of life's problems is....chips!

What's up with all these lame hip hop bands for spring weekend....where's the ROCK!!??

Manning has a big butt!

Marnie & Molly – thanks for being there. Luv Sarah

Spontaneous dance party in the min-now!

Sisqo is spreing break, Bunmi is Miami!

Subway or the highway!!

The things I would do for one night with Allison.

SUbway girls forever! Love you guys <3

Poke a hole in Sweeny and smoke. And cococola will pour out.

The littlest worm I ever saw...

1C4 + IB4 = 150 people

Miami doesn't even know what's coming!!!!

Cookie Sir?

Molly and Sarah – you two are the best! I hope you feel better!

The girls in Courtney 205 are very naughty!!!

Everybody hang in there – only a few weeks to go!

Liz, my back hurts from carrying the conversations. -Matt

I'm not sleeping - I'm being creative.

To Lazy Bum: keep counting!

Greg, you give the best massages! Love, the Subway girls.

Bead Sex! Bead Sex! BEad Sex!

Everyone thinks I'm blowing them off! Uhh...hi!....

ooo....so good...

Lammers boys-boy time keeper. I just want to know your name for now...we can pick out curtains some other time -Hockey Fan

There's a little thing called space!

That's all I have to say!!!

Hey straps, did she admit she was only 16 or lie?

Hey Chuck, did that rash finally clear up?

Buddah - you sexy wild thing leave my bum alone!!!

Wild Bill aka: Pooky

Welcome to real life! -Spaceballs

Hey straps, stay away from Juniper you pervert.

Ryan is only a cheap second to Garrett

Show Dog's on the prowl. Look out mirror.

The girls in 205 Pike are so extremely hot.

Purple bunny, how's your bum???

Angel would rock spring weekend if given the chance!

I can't wait for Dispatch!!!

Girls Suck! Good thing they look good!

Erin- Happy Birthday, now you can legally get drunk off one beer! Love C&J

Emily - that stuff is agua, so you need to drink the whole bottle.

I need to buy some more toothpaste...Sarah, so should you.

I don't read S&*% papers that can't get their title spelled correctly.

Editor's Note: The "Campus Vice" spelled it that way on purpose as an April Fool's joke, you gullible S&*%!!!

Patty, oh Patty, you are my girl in pink!

White or wheat?

Prinlau loves froggies!!!

Alex, your my only man from Byfield.

I love fig newtons!

Allison, thanks for the "ride" home. -Matt

Hey, can I have my 100 bucks, my buddies in jail!!??

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

SGA Spring Elections

April 24 &25

Signature papers are available in SGA and are due by April 13 @ 5pm. Get involved. Feel the Power.

- The Class of 2004 is looking for a Vice President, Treasurer, and Historian. Anyone interested can contact Lindsay @ #7540

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 4/9	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office
	8:00 p.m.	Monday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Godfather" and "The Patriot"	Channels 56&57
Tue 4/10	10:00 a.m.	Computer Workshop: How to use mail merge	Bates Multimedia Lab
	3:00 p.m.	Computer Workshop: Quark Express & Bryce	Ely Blue Mac Lab
	3:30 p.m.	Baseball vs. Williams	Alumni Field
	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The 6th Day" and "The Contender"	Channels 56&57
Wed 4/11	3:30 p.m.	Lecture w/Barry Moser, designer & illustrator, *Word & Image*	Scanlon Banquet Hall
	3:30 p.m.	Small Group Jazz Workshop	Dever Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Ely 232
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Charlie's Angels" and "School Ties"	Channels 56&57
Thur 4/12	3:00 p.m.	Baseball vs. Western New England	Alumni Field
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Ely 130
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Meet the Parents" and "Remember the Titans"	Channels 56&57
Fri 4/13	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Erin Brokovich" and "The Crew"	Channels 56&57
	9:00 p.m.	Friday the 13th video night	Ely Lower Lounge
Sat 4/14	12:00 p.m.	Softball vs. Fitchburg State	Alumni Field
	3:00 p.m.	Baseball vs. Fitchburg State	Alumni Field
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Erin Brokovich" and "The Crew"	Channels 56&57
Sun 4/15	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Almost Famous" and "The Patriot"	Channels 56&57

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Health Services

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Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p x5500 pool info

Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p Fri 8a-5p
Sat 1p-6p & Sun 1p-9p

Bookstore

M-Th 8:30a-5p Fri. 8:30a-4p
Sat. 11a-3p Sun. Closed

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Mon-Fri 8a-11p Sat 12p-11p
Sun 1p-11p

Events are free & open to the entire college community unless otherwise noted.

To have events published on The Back Page please

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Teacher contract agreement reached

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

A tentative written agreement has been reached in the three year contract dispute between Massachusetts state colleges' faculty and librarians and the Board of Higher Education (BHE).

The agreement was made between the Massachusetts State College Association (MSCA) and the BHE, said Donald "Buzz" Hoagland, Associate Professor of Biology, who serves as the moderator of the local chapter of the union.

"It's a complicated thing," said Hoagland concerning the agreement. He said that if the agreement is approved, pay increases will be provided to the faculty and librarians.

"We're supposed to get in rank adjustments," Hoagland said. He said that, among other pay increases, full time faculty and senior librarians will get an adjustment of $2,000, associate professors and librarians will get an adjustment of $1,200, and assistant professors and associate librarians will get an adjustment of $500.

Hoagland said that faculty and librarians will also receive a one-time lump sum of 2.5 percent for signing

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"This is probably the most dedicated and committed cast I have ever worked with."
-'Damn Yankees' Director Danielle Spinale

-Photo by Meg Farrell

The Washington Senators baseball team in the upcoming MTG production 'Damn Yankees,' which will be playing in Dever Auditorium this week. Turn to page 7 for the story.

Network status update

By Kevin Buckingham
Assistant Editor

The network that grants students, faculty and administrators Internet access at Westfield State College (WSC) has been slow all year long, and some students say that they are frustrated with the answers the Computer Center has given them.

Many students have found the network very unreliable, and are suffering academically.

Freshmen Kristina Martinelli said that she is very unhappy with the network here.

"My e-mail logs off by itself sometimes, the Internet is always slow and I can never get onto Napster because the network on campus is always backed up," Martinelli said. "It seems like the only time I can get anything done is at 2 am."

"My parents have better internet access at home with their 28.8 modem," Junior Sarah Kalagher said. "Doing research at the library or in my room is very frustrating."

However, the Computer Center said that the problem is not at their end.

"Slow connections are usually caused by several things. The most

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Trustees on stage; '01 officers sidelined

College VP says commencement is no longer a class activity

By Susie Barroso
Voice Reporter

Senior class officers will no longer be allowed to sit on stage during the commencement ceremony at graduation on May 19, according to Robert Martin, Dean of Undergraduate Studies. This decision has upset many students, including those directly involved in the dispute.

"I'm saddened that administration is going to ignore the tradition," said Bill Dunbar, representative for the Class of 2001 to the Student Government Association (SGA). "That's what makes Westfield State College unique."

"Commencement is an equal opportunity program and all students should be equally recognized," said Martin.

Martin said that there would be a number of students not recognized on stage such as part-time, continuing education, and graduate students if the officers were to sit on stage, a former part of Westfield State College graduation tradition. The Board of Trustees will replace the senior class officers on stage, according to Martin.

"President Woodward, Vice-President Lopes, and myself have spoken for a number of years about recognizing the trustees, the body responsible for stewardship (supervising affairs of the college at certain functions)," said Martin. President

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-Photo by Kelly Clarke

News anchors from WSC-TV's Night Owl, which appears every Wed. and Thurs. night at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the campus channel 18.

WSC-TV, Night Owl offers local and on-campus news

By Meg Canning
Voice Reporter

There's a fairly new way to get news on campus besides reading The Campus Voice and eavesdropping in the locker room. It's called The Night Owl, a TV show written and produced by Westfield State College (WSC) students, for WSC students."

The Night Owl has been a part of WSC-TV for many years, but only recently became active again. The news program began airing again at the beginning of last semester, said Sports Anchor Mike Souza.

News anchors report on national, local and campus news. They cover weather, sports, entertainment and special features. All of the stories are written by the news anchors themselves, said sophomore News Writer Tracy Oliver.

The show will keep students, faculty and staff well informed about what's happening around us, Oliver said.

They are interested in more than just news, said Freshman Director Paul Devine.

"It'd be nice to get more people involved so there can be a wider variety of shows. The TV studio is such a great resource that should be used by students more often and outside of class-time," he said.

Many students feel The Night Owl is a great way to get information to the campus community.

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Dining Commons to begin renovations over summer to improve food quality

By Adrienne Lamplough
Voice Reporter

This summer, Westfield State College will begin renovating the Dining Commons, starting on May 21 and finishing on August 15, said Assistant Vice-President Curt Robie.

The Dining Commons will undergo major changes in "The serving area and the residential border plan side," said Peter Stetson, Director of Food Services.

"This project is funded by food services and will cost a little bit over half a million dollars," said Robie.

"They are going to replace all of the equipment in the servery and the serving area is going to be pushed into the dining area," said Stetson. "Each area is going to have its own section.

There will be an area for pastas, pizza, deli bar, also for the grill and a charcoal grill, hot entrees and occasionally specialty cooking, while the beverages will be facing the dining area."

According to Stetson each area will have a visible prep area. "We will be bringing some of the production from the back of the house to the front of the house," said Stetson.

New equipment is also going to be purchased to replace the ten-year-old equipment that is currently in the Dining Commons. There has been many technological advances in the past ten years, said Stetson.

"New equipment means new possibilities," said Stetson. "It will be the same kind of food but because of the better facilities it will

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-File Photo

Plans for Westfield State's future Dining Commons.

News

WSC fails to meet the benchmark of 80% passing rate in teacher subject test.

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Courtesy and manners are now being taught in classrooms throughout America.

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WSC students respond to previous anti-Bush letter, encouraging students to find out the truth for themselves.

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Woodward was unavailable for comment.

Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, William Lopes, said that this decision was made by Dean Martin and himself and was supported by President Woodward. He said that there had been a lot of discussion about commencement and they were also considering having department chairs more involved.

Lopes said that he was surprised that having senior class officers not sit on stage was an issue. "I think we have tried to work with students," said Lopes. "I think this college does more to support and enhance senior class officers than any other college, I'm willing to bet, in the U.S."

Lopes said that senior class officers will continue to be honored at commencement and that this was no longer a class activity, but instead "an academic enterprise". He said that the administration is already doing a lot to honor senior class officers in terms of special seating, marshalling commencement, and reading graduate names.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

2001 Senior class officers

Jocelyn Gregory, President of the Class of 2001, agreed that there were many other ways in which the senior class officers were honored during commencement but that that does not compensate for sitting on stage. "My opinion is that senior class officers should be on stage," said Gregory. "It's very appropriate."

She said that senior class officers are not looking to be patted on the back but to represent the 900 students. "It's not so much about recognition but representation," said Gregory.

She said that administration is hearing them but not listening. President Woodward, Dean Martin and Vice-President Lopes met with senior class officers on April 3 in Ely 232 to listen to the student's concerns.

John Paulmann, Senior Class Advisor and Associate Professor of Communication, also agreed that administration appears to listen but is not willing to make room for negotiation.

"At the meeting, the students presented their point of view that they were very upset to hear this, and I had circulated a little memo of discussion points," said Paulmann.

"This did not sway the point of view of the administrator's one bit. They just held their line; they did it as politely and sweetly as possible but they basically said, 'no, you're off the stage, the board of trustees is on the stage, and that's the end of that.'"

Paulmann said that not having senior class officers sit on stage would be a negative symbol, implying that students are less important than the Board of Trustees. "The Board of Trustees is a very important group of people to the school but at graduation it's the students who the parents come to see and to cheer for. Removing them from the visibility of the stage seems to put them in a less prominent position than the other dignitaries," said Paulmann.

Jill Wilson, the Public Information Officer for 2001, said that her main concern is that all students be informed of what's going on. "All seniors need to know what's going on because it affects everyone," said Wilson.

Michael Moreau, a member of the senior class, said he was disappointed that the students are not being recognized for their hard work. "It seems like they're more worried about money issues and that the Board of Trustees is more important than the students," said Moreau.

Paulmann said that he's spoken to many seniors and that they all are concerned about this new policy. "I'm very sad this has taken place, it's taxed all of us," said Paulmann. "I wish there was more framework of dialogue but I don't see that happening."

Dunbar said that although this was unfortunate it was important that seniors not let this decision hinder the positives about commencement, such as the good speakers lined up to speak. Dunbar said that it was important that "the class of 2001 shine after four years of hard work."

Computer

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common problem is that the client is not configured right, and they may have improper local settings," Rich Emmings, Network Manager for WSC said.

Emmings said that the new T-3 line, which was ordered to increase bandwidth, was installed back in October of 2000. The problem, he said, is that you have pay for that extra bandwidth.

"Internet access is not cheap, and there is constant pressure to assure that the level of service we provide is warranted," Emmings said. Even with the increased bandwidth, Emmings said that the problem with slow Internet is that everyone wants to use it at the same time. There might be problems with individual sites as well.

Some students don't consider this a valid excuse. Kalagher said that she thinks that this is an important enough issue for the college to invest more money into.

"I think that everybody on this campus should be able to use the Internet at the same time without it getting bogged down. This is a college campus, where education should be the most important concern," Kalagher said.

Emmings said that Westfield State College has the highest bandwidth of all the colleges that use the same provider as WSC. Emmings also said that it is possible that bandwidth might increase next year, but it depends on the financial state of the college.

"Fiscal pressure may result in less bandwidth to the Internet next year, or we may be able to make an increase that I feel will be needed," Emmings said.

The City of Westfield Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting applications for it's summer recreation programs

Playground Directors-(Must be 18, M-F 25 hrs/week)
Playground Leaders-(Must be 16, M-F 25 hrs/week)
Day Camp Directors-(Must be 20, M-F 35-40 hrs/week)
Day Camp Leaders-(Must be 18, M-F 35-40 hrs/week)

-Experience working with 6-12 year-old children, first aid certificate and CPR certificate required. Attendance is mandatory at all meetings.

For complete job descriptions and applications see the Personnel Dept. at 59 Court St., Westfield, MA from 9am-5pm.

Questions? Contact Ann Marie Heiser at (413) 572-6263

From the Editor's Desk

Last Call: Education

The solution to education reform lies in the greenback.

Most people agree that some kind of education reform is necessary, and voters consistently rank education as one of the top issues come election time. Most people also believe that students, schools, teachers, and prospective teachers must be held accountable and evaluated for competency, but there are different ways of interpreting the perfect solution to accountability.

Education should not become deregulated for the very reason why public education was created: every child in America has the right to free and quality education. By privatizing education with the use of faith-based learning, charter schools, and voucher programs, we integrate Darwinian Theory into education thus creating high stakes competition, survival of the fittest students and schools, and a social institution of elitism: "My kid is better than your kid," will read bumper stickers on mini-vans and SUV's across the nation as minorities, with learning disabled and poor families get left in the dust,

The best way to improve education in our towns, states, and nation is to put our money where our mouths are. First and foremost, to raise the quality of our teachers, if you truly believe they are inadequate, we must pay them what they deserve. Case in point: Our society sees doctors as important because they keep our bodies healthy and alive; hence their hefty paychecks and the profession's well qualified candidates. The same should be true for the people who keep our minds healthy and alive; A starting teacher in Massachusetts makes roughly $24,000 a year, while a starting doctor makes about $80,000 a year, according to the Boston Globe. Can we see the inconsistency here? If education is so important to society, we must pay teachers what they are worth. Consider this: Imagine how irrational a world we would live in if doctors started at $20,000. And imagine the well qualified experts in their field schools would attract if starting teachers made $80,000.

To raise the integrity of teaching, we must first raise the quality of life for teachers and make the position attractive to the best candidates. If a person was intelligent enough and could afford to go to a prestigious college such as Harvard or Yale, study under the best professors, and receive extensive training, why would they make the sacrifice of working for a public school, when they could get a job working for a corporation making ten times the amount of a teacher? Given such an opportunity, it would not be wise for someone to choose education of the medical profession. It would take a new public high school teacher decades to pay of his or her debt from a school charging $120,000 for a diploma.

It would not only be a monetary sacrifice for a graduate of a prestigious college to choose the education profession, but also an integrity sacrifice. Who wants to join a profession plagued by criticism and politics, constantly demoralized by society and blamed for the failures of parents for the unsatisfactory offspring they produce? I'm sure making a career out of working with children is rewarding-you get to watch them grow and help them be the best people they can be- but just imagine the self confidence one would need to enter a profession shunned by a nation. Imagine entering a profession knowing that the resources you'll need won't necessarily be provided for you: not enough books for the oversized class, not enough paper, broken crayons, budget reductions, leaking ceilings, aging desks. Imagine if doctors were faced with such inadequate tools, including rusting scalpels and dirty needles; I doubt anyone would peruse the profession as an ER surgeon if this was the case.

Politicians and lobbyists are pushing for tougher teacher standards, while not raising the ante regarding salaries. "Let's make it tougher to be a teacher, but just as unrewarding monetarily," they must stay behind closed doors. Now faced with mass retirements, schools across the nation will be desperate to replace the old generation of teachers, who were satisfied to work for pennies, because they accepted the institution. If budgets are not readjusted, schools will face difficulties hiring swarms of people interested in getting underpaid to get kicked around by society. We must reshift our values, double the education budgets, and hire the best candidates if we hope to save the quality of public education. If we don't, my crystal ball tells me, "school choice" will become the buzzword of the future, and public high schools will be systematically shut down and replaced by charter and private schools. Many students will be left behind as the socially elite, rewrite the way education should look like in accordance to what's best for their children, and the parents of minorities, learning disabled, and poor working class students, wait, hope, and busy themselves trying to make ends meet, until they realize when it's too late, that there's nothing left but the dust of what used to be public education.

-R.J. Burgess III, Editor in Chief

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WSC accreditation and federal aid at risk due to low passing rate on teacher test

By Meg Farrell
News Editor

Westfield State College (WSC) education majors who took the Massachusetts Educators Certification Test (MECT) during the test dates from 1999-2000 failed to meet the benchmark 80 percent, which could lead to loss of accreditation and federal aid, according to The Boston Herald in an April 11 article.

WSC joins the ranks of nearly half of the teacher training programs in Massachusetts that failed to get 80 percent of their students to pass the teacher's test in subject mastery. 68 percent of WSC's 190 students who took the test passed. Colleges including Boston College, Bridgewater State College, UMass-Amherst , and Framingham State College all received over 80 percent passing scores, according to the Herald article.

Although WSC's performance does not meet expectations, the college's overall performance improved 100 percent from 1997-1998, when just 34 percent of students who took the test passed, and President Frederick Woodward seems very optimistic.

"Student performance on these tests reflect our rising expectations for student achievements," Woodward recently told Public Affairs. "We took seriously the need to improve student performance, and we're achieving results from our initiatives."

Joan Rasool, Assistant Dean for Education, said that she thinks the subject portion of the test that WSC did not meet the benchmark 80 percent on will improve with upcoming programs.

"We have seen significant improvement on those tests, and we are confident that we will achieve an institutional pass rate greater than 80 percent when the 2000-2001 students are tested," Rasool said. "The pass rates for academic content areas will continue to improve as new program initiatives are implemented."

If WSC does not meet the 80 percent benchmark in the future, the college could face loss of accreditation and federal aid, unless they can show improvement or a definite recovery plan, according to the Herald article.

"We are looking at the glass as half full and are pleased to have made such real progress over the past three years," Rasool said.

Dining Commons

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make the product so much better. We will be preparing the food right in front of you. The new equipment will help make better food."

According to Stetson the food will be fresher and there will be a larger variety to choose from.

Stetson wants students to know that the meal plan will stay the same. Students will scan their cards as they enter the Dining Commons and will be able to eat as much as they want.

"The only thing that will change is the meal plan goes up a percentage each year. But other than that it won't go up much it is usually just a ten or fifteen dollar increase each year," said Stetson.

President Frederick Woodward said, "My opinion on the change is very positive.It will be more of a mall-style serving area. They prepare the food for you when you are standing there," said Woodward. "The food will be fresher."

Kris Dumas, a freshman, said, "It sounds pretty good, it sounds promising. I like the fact that we can have pizza everyday. You can't go wrong with pizza."

"I think anything that will improve the quality of food and helps to stop the wasting of food will be a good system," said sophomore, Melissa Griffin.

According to Stetson, students that are staying on campus during the summer break can go to Subway, which will be open, along with the student service center, 333 and Scanlon Banquet Hall. Students that are visiting the campus during orientation will be served their meals in the Banquet Hall.

Owl TV

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The Night Owl is just one example of the great work that students do, said Junior Karen Keczkemethy. "It brings the campus together by watching news produced by their peers."

A large amount of work is put into making The Night Owl possible. Executive Producer and News Anchor Tracey Borucki said. "We all work hard to get practice at what we want to do. I really appreciate everyone that comes out," she said.

Positions to make The Night Owl happen range from news writer to director to graphics coordinator to cooking segment producer. Students such as Anthony DiCiccio, Jill Queipo, Adam Belson, Jake Teixeira, Scott Rogers, Chris Logan, Andrew Clark, Ashley Josselyn, Sarah Sugrue, Mike Shabowski, Mike Lesanto and Curtis Mulcahy work hard to make this production great, Borucki said.

The Night Owl is always looking for extra help, Borucki said. "There's a lot of people involved that aren't Communication majors. We always need writers or people to add things to make the show better."

There is a box for feedback in the Communication hallway (upper level Ely) for comments or suggestions. You can also e-mail comments to Borucki at Traces3@yahco.com. "We're welcome to anything that will improve our show," she said.

The Night Owl appears every Wednesday and Thursday night at 6p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the campus channel 18.

Voice of The Week

Danielle Spinale

POSITION AT WSC: DIRECTOR OF *DAMN YANKEES*, SECRETARY OF MUSICAL THEATRE GUILD

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FAMILY: MOM, DAD, 2 BROTHERS AND A GERMAN SHEPARD NAMED SHANA

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FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: THE WONDERFUL FRIENDSHIPS I HAVE MADE OVER THE YEARS

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BEST DAY OF HER LIFE: PLAYING HER DREAM ROLE AS CINDERELLA

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Contract

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the contract and accepting post tenure review.

Post tenure review is another issue included in the agreement. Hoagland said that this was an issue that involved much discussion. "I think that the actual process of post tenure review was disputed," he said, adding that he felt both sides wanted it.

Bradford Art, Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Bargaining Committee, said he felt post tenure review could be negative for faculty and librarians. "There are a lot of hurdles to jump through to get through post tenure review," he said.

If the agreement is ratified, the contract will call for post tenure review that will be based on such materials as student evaluations, alternative responsibilities of the professor, classroom visitations, and written statements. After the review, a professor will receive a satisfactory or unsatisfactory rating. If an unsatisfactory rating is received, the professor will then be required to undertake a plan of professional development.

Merit pay is also another part of the agreement, said Art. Art said he was not in favor of this inclusion. Merit pay is when the president and vice president, President Woodward and Vice President Lopes, decide which faculty and librarians get money from the merit pay fund each year. He said that there is no criteria for this selection, but the Union did put limits in the agreement on how much money can be given to individuals. "I'm hoping that they will give it out in equal parts to everyone," he said, adding that the pay is not based on "merit" anyway.

Some faculty members are satisfied with the agreement, but still feel it doesn't measure up to institutions comparable with WSC.

"We still are going to have our salaries lower than our peer institutions," said Hoagland, concerning the pay of the faculty and librarians.

Walter Korzec, Professor of Art and the Recording Secretary on the Executive Committee of the Union, said that the pay adjustments in the agreement are an improvement. "Comparatively, the money package is good in relation to what we have been receiving," he said. He said that it doesn't bring them up to average with comparative schools though.

Art said that the agreement is better than what they were originally offered, which was nothing, but it still isn't adequate compared to other peer institutions. "It still doesn't get us where we should be," he said, adding that it took three years to negotiate this two year contract.

President Frederick Woodward said that he is pleased with the results of the agreement and the pay increases. "The agreement is certainly good in terms of faculty raises which were well deserved and well needed," he said. "I think everyone is pleased that it [the negotiations] appears to be over. It's been a long struggle."

Some faculty members said they believe the agreement will be signed and agreed upon by WSC faculty and librarians. "Faculty seem to be smiling more," said Korzec, referring to faculty's attitude since the agreement. "I'm pretty sure most of the people will sign it."

Korzec said he was impressed with the BHE concerning reaching this current agreement. "They [the BHE] should be awarded some kind of recognition," he said.

Hoagland said he feels the agreement will be signed, but there will continue to be work on other issues. "My personal opinion is that the Union will ratify the contract, but will continue to negotiate things such as intellectual property rights, technology, and distance education," he said.

Art also said that there were other issues to continue negotiating on with the BHE. He said such things were the MCAS tests, the Massachusetts Teacher's Test, and entrance and exit exams the BHE wants to require for state colleges. He said that they are trying to make it so most students won't go to public colleges, and instead choose to go to private institutions. "The BHE is participating in an attack against public education," he said.

Hoagland said that a vote to ratify the agreement will take place in May. After it is ratified, the agreement will go to Acting Governor Jane Swift for approval, then to the state legislature, and finally it will return to Swift for it to become official.

Schools make courtesy common

By Martha Groves
Los Angeles Times

When Kathy Perini became principal of Emperor Elementary School eight years ago, teachers peppered her with complaints about ill-behaved, unkind students.

These days, courteous sixth-graders at the school in San Gabriel, Calif., volunteer to clean up the cafeteria and teach computer skills to younger pupils. Teachers fashion ``integrity trees" to honor students' good deeds. And youngsters formally pledge to show respect and compassion for others.

What made the difference was Values in Action, a character education program that teaches seven core ethical values, including responsibility and perseverance.

As educators and parents in the past decade have grappled with the whys of school violence and discipline problems, the teaching of values and moral principles in schools has surged in popularity.

The push - endorsed by President Bush - is coming amid what many parents, educators and politicians perceive as the collapse of common courtesy and decency in society at large. Events such as the March 5 shooting at Santana High School in suburban San Diego and the recent shutdown of SchoolRumors.com, a Web site where Southern California students used explicit language to insult one another, bring the problem into sharp focus.

At least 48 states have embraced educational standards for teaching character to students.

In a 1996 survey by the National School Boards Association, more than three-quarters of all districts said they had adopted or planned to adopt a character education initiative.

Nationwide, more than 150 independent centers peddle such materials and programs.

Bush advocates tripling the nearly $9 million in federal funds that schools spend annually on character education.

Yet detractors on the political right see character education as an attempt by schools to override the responsibilities of parents and churches.

Left-leaning critics, meanwhile, worry that some programs - notably Character First!, run out of Oklahoma City - flirt with evangelism and excessively stress obedience to authority figures.

Emperor Elementary. -File photo.

``Most of the programs people are nervous about go up to the line with an approach that is too authoritarian or perhaps reflects one religion," said Charles Haynes, senior scholar at the First Amendment Center of the Freedom Forum, a research group in Arlington, Va. But most programs, he noted, are careful to avoid overt references to religion, thereby steering clear of constitutional violations.

Another problem, skeptics say, is that some programs are superficial, with a ``character word of the month" on posters and T-shirts but no true infusion of values instruction into the curriculum.

Above all, no one can answer the question that is writ large in an era when angry teen-agers smuggle guns into schools: Will a steady dose of character education keep them from killing classmates?

``It'll be a long time before we have definitive proof (on that issue)," said William Damon, an education professor at Stanford University. ``I don't think it's going to prevent every possible incidence of school violence. Do I think it will help? Yes."

Little reliable research exists about the effectiveness of school character programs, although at least one study suggests that full-scale initiatives can reduce aggression and boost academic achievement.

That many students are morally adrift was made painfully apparent by a national survey released last fall by the Josephson Institute of Ethies in Marina del Rey, Calif.

Of 8,600 students surveyed, 71 percent said they had cheated in the previous year; 35 percent said they had stolen something from a store; 68 percent said they had struck someone when angry and 47 percent said they could get a gun if they wanted to.

Yet 96 percent gave themselves high marks for possessing good character.

Support for character education is coming from across the ideological spectrum, said Thomas Lickona, director of the Center for the 4th and 5th Rs (respect and responsibility) at the State University of New York in Cortland.

``In schools that are doing character ed well, there really is an effort to transform the school culture so that it becomes a civil, caring and purposeful community where all students feel safe, valued and welcomed," Lickona said.

At Emperor Elementary, a K-6 school , students are some of the most vocal fans of the character education program.

Now in its seventh year, character education is woven into all subjects, from writing to physical education. One recent lesson required students to find Bush's inaugural speech online and pull from it references to positive character traits. They then designed posters reflecting those values.

During recess, students leave backpacks untended on outdoor tables because, they say, there is no problem with theft.

Teachers at Emperor make it clear that they expect good behavior at all times.

The idea is so ingrained that teachers ``don't even have to tell us anymore," said Monica Suarez, 11, a sixth-grader who greeted a reporter on the playground one recent morning.

``I think it has probably changed everybody's outlook and how everybody treats people, with responsibility and respect," said fifth-grader Samantha Harrison, 11. The lessons help her to feel more responsible at home, too.

``If my parents ask me to pick up my clothes, I don't wait till they get mad enough to yell," she said.

Emperor's program, which was cited as exemplary last year by the Character Education Partnership, has improved the climate for teachers, instructors say.

``It really works. It makes working here a pleasure," said Phyllis White, a second-grade teacher who has been at the school since 1984.

Perini, the principal, said instructors can spend more time teaching because they worry less about problem behavior.

``Our students aren't disruptive," Perini said. ``We believe it directly impacts student achievement."

Although a link can't be proved, the ethnically diverse, 621-student school ranks a 10, the highest possible score, on the state's school accountability index.

Perini said Emperor students are so accustomed to the civility at their school that they are sometimes caught unawares by the behavior of students elsewhere.

``We want them to be kind but also resilient," Perini said. ``We want to prepare them for the harsh realities of life but still build in those qualities of respect and kindness."

6 Drug companies to slash AIDS drug prices

By Maggie Farley
Los Angeles Times

UNITED NATIONS - In preparation for the United Nations' biggest global campaign ever against a single disease, secretary-general Kofi Annan persuaded six major drug companies Thursday to cut further and faster the prices of AIDS treatments they supply to developing countries.

The move followed Wednesday's unveiling of a massive new plan spearheaded by U.N. agencies to prevent and treat the epidemic.

Senior executives from Abbott Laboratories Inc., Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Hoffman-La Roche, Pfizer and Germany's Boehringer Ingelheim pledged to accelerate price reductions beyond their cuts promised last May, and to offer the cheap drugs to developing countries on more continents than just Africa.

Merck & Co. declined to attend the meeting, citing concerns about U.S. anti-trust laws, but has offered a 90 percent price cut for two of its AIDS drugs in the African market.

The companies agreed to provide drugs at ``the lowest possible price," and would negotiate the details for individual drugs later on a country-by-country basis, said Ben Plumley, a policy adviser at UNAIDS.

Annan said he was also aiming for ``a dramatic leap forward" in prevention, education, and care.

``The epidemic is the greatest public health challenge of our times, and we must harness the expertise of all sectors of society," Annan said.

On Wednesday, a panel of Harvard University experts unveiled a detailed plan to combat AIDS in Africa, which has 70 percent of the world's cases. Theproposal will be presented at a global conference in New York in June as a blueprint for a joint effort by U.N. agencies, governments and private foundations.

The plan is the result of discussions involving top officials from the U.S., European, and African governments, the World Bank, the World Health Organization, drug companies and private foundations.

``This is a plan to bring drug treatment to Africa and to finally break the back of the HIV pandemic," said Harvard economist Jeffrey Sachs, who conceived the plan. ``What is missing right now is international donor funding."

The plan aims to raise about $6 billion a year from industrialized nations. About half the money would be used to accelerate HIV prevention programs; the other half would be used initially to get more AIDS medicines to the estimated 25.3 million Africans who are infected.

Because of Africa's poor infrastructure, there is concern whether countries will be able to distribute the drugs and monitor their use. And if instructions for taking the pills are not followed carefully, doctors fear, a drug-resistant strain of the virus could develop.

But U.N. officials are optimistic about the all-out effort. ``You've got to combat this culture of hopelessness, this sense that it's going to happen anyway," said Plumley. He said that although the drugs aren't a cure, they are particularly important for preventing mother-to-child transmission, and extending the lives of parents living with HIV.

The United Nations estimates that more than 36 million people are living with HIV or AIDS worldwide, with 5.3 million infected last year alone.

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The Cut

CHRIS WARD

This week's topic is alcohol, which I decided while standing at Pop the Cork Liquors in a long line of people picking up pint bottles for the Senate Banquet. Yes, I went. I was thinking it might be fun to get out for a night, dance a little and get the heck off campus. The dinner was reasonable, my girlfriend looked like a million bucks, and the night started off smoothly. Then, around 11 p.m., it happened… the room suddenly resembled the pie-eating scene from "Stand By Me." I haven't witnessed children vomiting so vividly since I rented "The Exorcist" on DVD. I believe the first shot was fired by a girl beside us who yuked onto her table DURING dinner. She was taken away and shot by the Agawam PD. After dinner the fair Kelley and I were fortunate enough to have a full beer dumped on us on the dance floor by some random drunken child. Beer spilled on cargos at the soccer house, no biggie, but I just had that suit drycleaned, man, and her dress wasn't cheap, either.

Hang on, there's more… despite ten to twelve of Agawam's Finest loitering around it was still pretty much open bar in the men's room. That was surprisingly convenient for one kid, however, who hit the pint and then spewed right there in the same stall, so that worked out well for him. Reports from the ladies' room had them operating at half capacity in there, vomit oovered half the stalls, so girls started using the men's room until the cops put a halt to THAT funny business, by god. An employee was overheard saying that she'd rather quit her job than clean up after us. Did I mention the fight?

Don't get me wrong, I didn't have a bad time and the "alcoholic overachievers" were in the minority but it was a small room, so it didn't take many for the staff to start wondering which high school they were from. Also, it did my anti-authoritarian streak good to see kids doing exactly what they set out to do despite the large goon squads on either end of the bus ride. Strictly as a social event, the Senate Banquet was alright, but if this was intended as a "let's get dressed up and act like grown-ups" thing, it failed. I felt bad for those who worked hard to put this together and I felt a little silly for going to the expense considering what the evening actually ended up being. The next time I want to get dressed up and ask my better half for a (am I even saying this word?) mature evening out I'll book a table at Delaney House. On my way out I apologized to the coat-check lady just because she was there. (She accepted.)

Last word on alcohol, it's amusing to me that since it's much easier to get a fifth of Beam in than a thirty of Natty Light, a lot of kids who would probably rather have a beer drink hard liquor instead. That's the Law of Unintended Consequences, getcher freakon…

Hey. "Raging Bull." You get DeNiro and Pesci for the price of an old movie. Happy Easter! I asked Jesus "How much do you love me?" He said "This much." And he stretched out His arms, and farted. I picked up Elton John's "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" CD, used, for eight bucks at Platterpus. Somehow it didn't seem right for one of the (arguably) twenty best albums of all time to be sitting there beside Electric Light Orchestra and Egyptian Lover. Hey, ever tried huffing Curve? You'll be retarded but the girls will love your breath. The pink polo shirt patrol reports none yet, but back to the subject of tossing your cookies, I'm betting those plaid shorts at Old Navy will turn up any day now. Alright, I'm out like a deaf kid playing musical chairs, Sopranos is on. Peace and Balance.

Don't Call Me Baby

KATHERINE MANNING

"Music is a sign of the times." Although we have many different types of music since we have different interests in our culture, I think this old fashion saying could be getting at something. In the sixties, it was theorized that, and clearly true, a great deal of the music was a form of political protesting. Although we do not see much of this today, there is a new trend that I thought to be interesting to study and is hopefully a "sign of the times" as well.

Take for example, Destiny's Child, one of the most popular groups of the moment, whether people like the pop/R&B group or not. The most recent song, "I'm a Survivor" is not incredibly different from the prior one, "Independent Woman." Both songs imply that a woman can get by just fine without her man and actually enjoy herself while she's doing it. Destiny's Child do not have anything wrong with them (men), they are just saying that a woman need not tie her self-identity to a man.

Then there is the controversial artist Madonna who is attempting to shock the public once again in her newest video that was banned from VH1, and, as far as I know, MTV as well. In this particular video, she goes on a crime spree and it is banned because it is thought to be too violent. (Or maybe it's really just too unladylike.) I don't know what she does in the video and I will not go there. Nonetheless, I am sure that it is not the true reason why it was banned. Since Madonna was deliberately intending to make a political statement in this video anyway, of course it would be. However, guns are tolerated in other videos. Interesting.

I'm sure most of us can remember the past publicity the individual had at the turn of the 90's in her half-naked videos. However, interestingly, her reason for doing so was quite different from the logic or lack thereof behind the half-naked videos of today. As Madonna was being risque in order to claim ownership over her own sexuality, a great deal of the videos we are seeing now are painting women to be mere same sex objects, which is entirely different. Although I was young at the time it came out and therefore did not understand the meaning until now, the best example of one of these songs is perhaps the infamous "Express Yourself," telling women "don't go for second best baby, put your love to the test."

Once you get past the shocks of Madonna, she can actually be seen as a leader in the sexual revolution. On a cover story of Madonna, I heard it said that, "Madonna was more than a leader. She made it o.k. for a woman to say she wants to get laid." I would not go as far as to say that this is fully acceptable within our culture as not all groups or opinion are swayed through music whether by positive or negative messages. However, it may be possible that Madonna can be held slightly accountable for some very slight degree of change. Now, however, we are currently taking a backslide from this that I will touch more upon next week.

However, as far as Destiny's Child and the Independent Woman era "you go girl" attitude goes, I certainly hope that this theory of music being a sign of the times is true.

K. Manning is a Voice Columnist

The other side of the Bush tax plan

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter in the April 2 edition of the Campus Voice "WSC Student Questions Bush Tax Plan." In her letter, Ms. Riccardi says that she took a closer look at President Bush's tax plan. From her letter, however, it seems that Ms. Riccardi is just regurgitating the class warfare rhetoric that many of our professor's spew out on a regular basis. The simple fact is that the president's tax plan is not skewed toward the wealthy. Just the opposite; it gives the bulk of tax relief to middle-income taxpayers, even though those at the top pay the most in income taxes.

In 1998, which is the latest year available from the Internal Revenue Service, the top 1% of income earners with a gross income of $269,496 paid 34.8% of the federal income tax. The top 5% with a gross income of $114,729 paid 54% percent of the federal income tax burden. To put it another way, the bottom 50% of income taxpayers paid only 4.2% of the tax burden. At the same time, the top half accounted for 95.8%, not to mention the fact that many tax credits and deductions phase out as income rises. It is also important to note that low income people pay no income taxes at all; some even receive a healthy welfare check called the Earned Income Tax Credit.

President Bush's plan is across the board, replacing the current income tax structure of 15, 28, 31, 36, &39.6% to 10, 15, 25, &33%. The plan favors middle income taxpayers because the percentage reduction is largest for that group. Besides reducing all marginal rates, the president's plan doubles the child tax credit from $500.00 to $1,000. This means, according to economist John Cogan, that families earning between $40,000 and $50,000 a year would see an average reduction of 55%. Those earning between $50,000 and $75,000 would get an average cut of 30%. Families earning between $75,000 and $100,000 would see an average cut of 18%; and, lastly, families earning over $100,000 would see an average cut of 10%.

Furthermore, the president's plan affects the 30 million people who file tax returns but do not earn enough to pay taxes. These same people do, however, pay Social Security payroll taxes and will also receive a cut. Under the president's proposal, he wants to return two to three percentage points of Social Security payroll tax to the individual for investment accounts. This represents a tax cut because that money will become real and private property, and equals a cut of around 16 to 24% for 30 million filing non-paying earners. This is hardly a pay back to Bush's old "oil buddies" as Ms. Riccardi puts it.

If fairness means the largest number of people getting their money back, the president's plan does just that. Unfortunately, students on this campus only get one side of the story. I often wonder what professors and administrators mean when they say "diversity." They surely do not mean diversity of thought; if they did, programs such as the Guest Lecture Series would have wide ranging opinions instead of opinions echoing the liberal political agendas of many faculty members.

Adam Waitkunas, Class of 2001

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Announces Spring Initiation

The Westfield State College Chapter of the Honors Society Phi Kappa Phi will initiate new members on Wed. April 18 at 4:00 pm in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Dr. Catherine Shannon, recently retired professor of the History Dept. will be the featured speaker.

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A Day in the Life

ANGELA LAPIERRE

Politics. I never really got into it because I've always felt that law makers passed legislation for the good of the people they were designed to effect, and I didn't really have to be concerned about it. There are a few rules that I could live without, but for the most part, I feel that most politicians are doing a decent job. Heck, I'd even venture to say that good old Ted Kennedy is doing a stand-up job in D.C.

I never got involved with student government in high school either. I was happy being a music geek and I figured that the more popular and charismatic people could run the show.

The summer before I came to Westfield State, my mom said something that really got me thinking. "College is going to be a fresh new start where nobody knows who you are and you can become a totally different person." She had a point. In a few months, I was going to be in a place where nobody knew me or what I was like before. (Well, with the exception of the handful of people I graduated with that were also going to Westfield State...) So I made a promise to myself to do something that I would have NEVER done in high school.

I finally arrived at Westfield State College. During my first week there, I noticed a sign in my dorm (Courtney Hall) that said that the hall council was looking for a vice-president. I thought to myself, "Wait a minute. I haven't gone to school with the kids in this dorm for 10 years. They have no idea who I am. I can do this." So I did. I got the signatures of 25 complete strangers and ran for VP of Courtney Hall. Needless to say, nobody ran against me so I clearly won the election. I was finally on my way to a political career at Westfield State College.

Overall, the experience as VP of Courtney Hall was great. I met some cool people, some of whom I still keep in touch with, I got to do some really cool stuff like the Courtney Scream, pancakes in the courtyard, and Spring Fest, and I got to hang out with 10 really hot Mr. Courtney contestants. (The last part was definitely my favorite...) But I felt like I still wasn't getting the full college experience and that I wasn't as involved with the school as I could be.

Sophomore year rolled around and I promised myself to get more involved with extracurriculars. I still did the hall council thing in my new hall, Lammers, as one of their reps to Senate. This gave me an opportunity to be a member of SGA, see just how the school works and to get some more insight on how to make an impact on the campus. I also joined CAB, Weekend Programming, Board of Governors, and did a radio show. This year has been very hectic and sometimes extremely stressful, but what I got out of it was well worth it. I met some more cool people, did some more cool things, and finally had the sense that I was making a difference to the campus.

About a week ago I started asking myself, "How can I top this year? How can I possibly be more involved and make a bigger impact on campus?" Then somebody said me, "Hey, you know what? I think you'd make a great Vice-President of Programming." At first I thought, "How can little ol' me handle such a big position?" Then I started thinking, if I can handle being a member of SGA, Hall Council, CAB, Weekend Programming, Board of Governors, a radio show, writing a column for the Campus Voice, a part-time job, and 6 classes, I can surely take on the job of Vice-President of Programming!

I hope that everyone who has supported me by reading my column over the past semester will take their support one step further by helping to elect me Vice-President of Programming. I promise to work hard in bringing great bands and other events to the campus, and will try my best to make those people out there who complain that there's nothing to do on campus eat their words. Regardless of who you want to vote for, remember to vote April 24th and April 25th so that you can make your voice heard.

Support for Bush tax plan

To The Editor:

This letter is in response to Angela Riccardi's article "WSC student questions Bush tax plan" printed in the April 2nd edition of The Campus Voice. While Ms. Riccardi makes a poignant argument for the need of social programs in this country, her article is just another distortion of the truth and an example of the liberal propaganda, full of emotion and devoid of any hard facts, that is far too prevalent on this campus and in our society. Despite what the left would have us all believe, President Bush's proposed tax plan will not send this country spiraling into the eternal depths of hell on the wings of the Republican leaders in our government. I feel the need to write this letter in order to show how Bush's tax plan will influence all of us who are either residents of, or being educated in, the state of Massachusetts.

Bush's tax cut will not have the greatest effect on the wealthy. It is aimed to reduce the burden on those people who need it the most: the middle class. President Bush's tax plan gives $28.1 billion back to the taxpayers of Massachusetts.

There are several different outlets for this relief which I will get into later, but the main one is the reduction of the current income tax rates of 15, 28, 31, 36, and 39.6 percent to 10, 15, 25, and 33 percent. This ensures that no person in the United States will be forced to pay more than one third of his or her total income to the government. While the affluent have become the whipping boy of liberals for decades, it is average families who will appreciate President Bush's tax relief plan the most.

Let's look at an example: The Bureau of Census reports that the average one-income family of four in the state of Massachusetts is $43,736 and they pay $2,778 in federal income taxes. The reduced tax rate, in combination with Bush's doubling of childcare credits (from $500 to $1000 per child) and relief from the marriage tax, will save the family $1,600. That's a 58% tax cut! With savings that big I can't imagine that President Bush only had the wealthy in mind when he was creating his tax plan.

Another important aspect of Bush's tax plan is a repeal of the marriage tax. Republicans have been trying to do this for years, but President Clinton has vetoed their efforts on three separate occasions. According to the Congressional Budget Office, 42% of married couples incurred a penalty due to the marriage tax. Over 21 million married couples had to pay an average of $1,400 in additional taxes because they are forced to file jointly. Is it any wonder why the marriage tax is often referred to as a penalty in this country? Low-income American families that depend on a two-income household to survive are hurt the most by this tax. Liberals are quick to point to distinctions between classes when it furthers their agenda, but seem to have left out this little bit of information from their speeches. They try to throw money at a variety of social programs and hope that things will improve, but even Ms. Riccardi admits "...that these social services have been and probably will be taken advantage of,"

Maybe it's just me, but I think that it would make more sense to give Americans who are considered lower class more of their own money so that they can pay their own bills, instead of having to rely on the government to make better use of their money.

I could continue this article with describing how President Bush's tax plan has several provisions to help the disabled and elderly, how it helps small businesses with the elimination of the death tax, how his plan increases funding to the Department of Education by 11.5%, and how it increases funding for Pell Grants (a plus for anyone on financial aid here at WSC, historically black colleges, and Hispanic serving institutions), but I think that you get my point by now. I just want to encourage everyone who takes the time to read to look at both sides of an issue before forming an opinion. All political parties (including Ralphie and the Greens) tend to spew out half-truths and skewed data to bolster support for their side. Do yourself a favor and perform your own research.

Brendon Stellman
Class of 2001

Musical Theatre Guild presents *Damn Yankees*

BY MICHELLE DIGIOIA
VOICE REPORTER

The Musical Theater Guild (MTG) will perform *Damn Yankees*, a musical based on *The Day the Yankees Lost the Pennant*, a play by Douglas Wallop, next week in Dever Auditorium.

The play, written in 1957, is about a man who sells his soul to the devil to become an outstanding baseball player for the Washington Senators in order to beat the New York Yankees for the Pennant.

"The musical is also about a struggle within oneself about life and love," said Director Danielle Spinale.

She said that preparation for opening night takes a lot of work, but this cast has been up to the task.

"This is probably is the most dedicated and committed cast I have ever worked with," Spinale said. "They work very hard together to be a unified team, and there has been a lot of progress."

Mike Sakey, assistant director for the musical, said that *Damn Yankees* has deeper meanings, and explores 1950's political aspects.

"The play shows how baseball, in its own way, manipulated the country in the 50's," Sakey said. "It also has many underlying political tones."

Senior Jen Lafleur, female lead in the musical and her fourth musical with MTG, said that the show is full of different levels and will entertain all types of audience members.

"This is a big-name musical and has a lot of different elements," she said. "My character (Lola) is a seductress from Hell, she's there to help out the devil."

Senior Dan Cassidy plays the role of the main character, Joe Boyd, who sells his soul to the devil to become Joe Hardy- a baseball player on the Washington Senators. *Damn Yankees* is Cassidy's fifth production with MTG.

"My character is an excellent ball player who seems to set up everyone else," Cassidy said. "The musical has a lot of showstopping songs and strong performances that bring flavor into the musical."

"This cast is always willing to help with everything-they're wonderful" Lafleur said. "They are like a second family."

Damn Yankees will be performed April 19th, 20th, and 21st at 2 and 8pm, in Dever Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the teller window and by calling Aaron at 572-7632. This is MTG's thirtieth year. It is student run and student performed.

-Photo by Meg Farrell

Jen Lafleur and Dan Cassidy rehearse the upcoming musical *Damn Yankees* to be performed this week in Dever Auditorium.

SENIOR DAYS 2001 Preliminary Schedule

Final Schedule will be published on Tuesday, May 15. All events are subject to change without prior notice.

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
	Tuesday, May 15	
4:00 - 4:30 PM	Preliminary Check-out, Residence Halls Close	Residence Halls
4:30 - 7:00 PM	Mandatory Meeting and Check-in	Dever Auditorium
7:45 - 8:15 PM	Buses leave for Hu Ke Lau	Front of Scanlon Hall
1:00 - 1:30 AM	Buses leave for WSC	Hu Ke Lau
	Wednesday, May 16	
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Dickinson Commons Room
11:30 - 1:00 PM	Buses leave for Foxwoods Casino	Front of Scanlon Hall
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Buses leave for WSC	Foxwoods Casino
8:00 - 11:00 PM	Dinner and Cup Time with Club T DJ's	Apartment Courtyard*1
	Thursday, May 17	
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Continental Breakfast	Dickinson Commons Room
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Faculty/Staff/Student Barbecue and DJ Chico	Campus Green*2
3:00 - 6:00 PM	Ray Boston	Ely Hill*3
6:00 -7:30 PM	Dinner	Ely Hill*4
8:30 - 9:00 PM	Buses Leave for TJ's Nightclub, Worthington St.	Front of Scanlon Hall
1:00 - 1:30 AM	Buses leave for WSC	TJ's Nightclub
	Friday, May 18	
12:00 - 2:00 PM	Commencement Rehearsal and Breakfast	Commencement Tent
2:00 - 5:00 PM	Mexican Fiesta and DJ Chico	Apartment Courtyard*5
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Parent/Student/Administration Reception	Ely Main Lounge
7:00 - 11:00 PM	Slide Show, Travelling Matt, Alcohol Service	Apartment Courtyard*6
	Saturday, May 19	
6:00 AM- 4:00 PM	Final Check-out	Apartment Complex
10:30 - 2:00 PM	Commencement	Commencement Tent
12:00 - 2:00 PM	Reception	Dining Commons Room

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Musicale performs well

BY LAURA GIBSON
VOICE REPORTER

The Mid-week Musicale, held on April 11, featured Rachelle M. Beauschesne on French Horn and Dr. Bastarache's Small Group Jazz Workshop.

The Musicale began with Rachelle Beauchesne on French Horn, being accompanied by Melissa Martiros on piano. Beauchesne performed Concerto No. 1 in D Major, Allegro by W.A. Mozart. Martiros began with a happy introduction. Beauchesne performed very well. Her performance was very smooth, and not jerky. One could see that she has learned the proper phrasing in the piece. She exhibited very good breathing techniques. I wish though, I was able to hear her performing a little better. I found the piano accompaniment by Martiros a little too loud. I was quite amazed by how difficult the accompaniment was. One could see that Martiros knew her music well.

Then came the Small Group Jazz Workshop. It included Anthony Parlapiano on piano, Steve Wawrzyniak on bass, Ryan Jalbert on guitar, and Matt Hall on percussion for the first three pieces.

The first piece performed by this small ensemble was "Emily," by Johnny Mercer and Johnny Mandel. It featured Anthony Parlapiano on piano. I enjoyed the syncopated rhythms. Wawrzyniak did a great job at keeping the tempo for the rest of the group. I enjoyed both the guitar and drum accompaniment, especially the use of cymbals and the snare drum.

The next piece performed was "Lady Bird," by Tadd Dameron. This piece featured Wawrzyniak on bass. Wawrzyniak did a great job. I liked the unique rhythms. The rest of the ensemble did a good job in accompanying the bass player.

The third piece introduced was, "Well, You Needn't" by Thelonius Monk. This piece featured Ryan Jalbert on guitar. I enjoyed the Bass playing. I especially liked the syncopation in the guitar playing with the long/short/long rhythms. This was a very exciting piece as it slowly builds in dynamic level.

The next piece was with the addition of Dan Walsh on saxophone. This piece was "Angel Eyes" by Dennis-Brent. The piece began very dreamy and slow. It was nice to hear a piece that was not so fast. As Walsh's notes moved into the upper registrar, the notes became a little harsh. It no long had the dreamy, sleepy mood.

In the second half of "Angel Eyes," the rhythm speeds up with a nice syncopated rhythm by Wawrzyniak. The accompaniment by the other performs really allowed Walsh to shine. The piece ended very nicely, just drifting away.

The last piece performed was "Night and Day," featuring Geoffrey Kelly on trumpet. Kelly began by counting off the rhythm. I was quite surprised that neither of the other players had done that in the other pieces performed. Kelly had excellent tone quality. One can see that he has learned the proper phrasing and breathing techniques for this specific piece. I liked how he played with his eyes shut. It was as if he were absorbing the lovely music surrounding him. This piece did not have such drastic syncopation as the previous pieces did. 'Night and Day" was filled with short notes followed by longer notes. The accompaniment once again allowed Kelly to shine. It was a nice end to an afternoon of music.

The musicians did a great job. I enjoyed both Mozart and the jazz playing. I wish them all the best of luck in their future performing.

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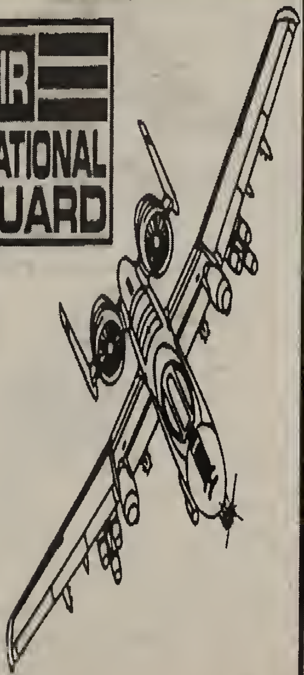

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Sports

For the second straight season, junior Mike Beaton has emerged as the ace of the Westfield State College baseball team's pitching staff. Beaton went the distance in a 3-2 victory over Mass. Maritime in the Owls' conference opener. *File Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Academic Reception To Honor 3.0 Athletes

By Mickey Curtis, SID

One hundred and eleven (111) Westfield State College students have been recognized as scholar-athletes for completing the 2000 fall semester with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

The 3.0 Club represents approximately 38 percent of the student-athletes at Westfield State College.

"We are very proud of all our student-athletes; the way they perform on the playing fields and in the classroom," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magurian. "I would especially like to thank the faculty, staff and coaches for their support and guidance."

The 3.0 Club students will be honored Wednesday evening, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the fourth annual athletics academic reception in Scanlon Banquet Hall-A. The honorees will have an opportunity to invite one of their professors to the reception as their special guests.

The football team leads the way with 15 scholar-athletes followed by women's track and field (14), men's track and field (13) and women's cross country (11). The athletics training staff, with seven of Rich Pierce's 11-member staff maintaining 3.0 GPAs, also is being recognized.

For the second straight year, the women's cross country team racked up the most impressive grades. All 11 team members finished with cumulative GPAs of 3.0 or better, and as a team the average GPA was an amazing 3.56.

The following is a sport-by-sport breakdown of Westfield State's scholar-athletes:

Baseball (5) Bob Arnett, Matt Donah, Tom Gusha, Will Harden, Marc Kelly.

Competitition Cheering (4) Kathryn Dupral, Kimberly Tobles, Tiffani Warila, Daniel Strols.

Men's Basketball (5) Aboubacar Gassame, Vaso Jaukovic, Jon Mazzone, Ryan Rea, Ethan Slavin.

Women's Basketball (6) Michaela Blaney, Lindsey Coleman, Leslie Cooke, Melissa Cote, Shannon Dunlavey, Alissa Tedesco.

Men's Cross Country (3) Tom Bousquet, Brian Church, Andrew Krantz.

Women's Cross Country (11) Tracey Borucki, Catie Geldert, Sterr Hockenberry, Laura Hurley, Erica Mellone, Melinda Nikola, Miranda Osgood, Kristi Lin Popoff, Alyssa Reid, Sara Sechovicz, Lori Starsiak.

Field Hockey (9) Kelley Berthelmes, Mary Bishop, Julieann Flynn, Renee Gahan, Karen Oliveira, Meghan Perreault, Teri Phipps, Brooke Wadhams, Therese Yacovone.

Football (15) Bob Arnett, Rob Byrne, David Carabin, John Cloutier, David Eaton, Stephen Faniel, Mark Howard, Richard Hudson, Mike Hurteau, Shawn Lyman, Tim Macchi, Ron Rich, Brian Ross, Mitch Tanaki, Matt Yvon.

Women's Soccer (7) Melissa Albano, Sara Barrows, Kelly Furlong, Michelle Montvitt, Erin Reardon, Melisse Reed, Erin Reim.

Men's Soccer (5) Joe Calabrese, D.J. Conway, Andrew McDavitt, Tyler Roy, Jon Witowski.

Softball (7) Jill Easttey, Sarah Kalagher, Karen Oliveira, Meghan Perreault, Kate Pomerieau, Roberta St. Peters, and Erin Stawarz.

Women's Swimming and Diving (8) Colleen Boisvert, Karen Flaherty, Erin Flynn, Melanie Kirouac, Dana LedDuke, Heather Perreault, Jessica St. Pierre, and Jody Stiefel.

Men's Track and Field (13) Chris Allie, Greg Aucoin, Tom Bousquet, Rob Byrne, David Carabin, Brian Church, David Eaton, Vinnie Ferrecchia, Greg Haskell, Mark Howard, Matt James, Josh Lewbel, Patrick Swett.

Women's Track and Field (14) Megg Bethoney, Michaela Blaney, Brigitta Brandt, Lis Collins, Jen Daukas, Catie Geldert, Starr Hockenberry, Laura Hurley, Erica Mellone, Melinda Nikola, Kristi Lin Popoff, Alyssa Reid, Andrea Sawler, Deanna Thomas.

Trainers (7) Christine Bolte, Steve Chandler, Kara Gregory, Michael Hall, Christopher Jacques, Jennifer King, Amy Nogueira.

Women's Volleyball (7) Larissa Farrell, Katelyn Foley, Sarah Lund, Michelle Senchioni, Leah Schmidt, Andrea Tessler, and Sara Woodcock.

Softball Edges Smith, 4-3

NORTHAMPTON - The Westfield State College softball team posted a 4-3 victory over Smith College on Thursday, April 5.

It was the Owls' first game since March 20 and improved their record to 3-7. Smith dropped to 4-10.

Westfield jumped out to a 3-0 first-inning lead sparked by a two-run single by sophomore shortstop Nicole Kenney.

The Owls added a key insurance run in the seventh inning to take a 4-2 lead. Smith scored a run in its final at bat on a one-out solo homer by Theresa LaFavor.

Kenney collected two of Westfield's seven hits. Winning pitcher Sarah Kalagher allowed six hits and a walk.

Owls Win Conference Opener

BUZZARDS BAY - Strong pitching performances by Mike Beaton and Corey Scafidi led the Westfield State College baseball team to a Mass. State Conference doubleheader sweep of Mass Maritime Academy, 3-2 and 5-1.

It was the conference opener for the Owls, whose games scheduled for April 8 at Salem State were rained out.

In the opener, Beaton allowed only four hits and one walk and struck out four in going the distance. The Cape Cod native (Chatham) allowed two unearned runs in the last inning when the Owls committed three errors.

With a Mass Maritime runner at second base, the game ended when sophomore shortstop Mike Carney (Feeding Hills) made a fine defensive play when he gloved a bad-hop grounder off the second base bag and threw to first for the final out.

The Owls collected 10 hits in the seven-inning game but stranded nine baserunners. Senior Dan Wenzel, a Buzzards Bay native, was 2-for-4 and was credited with the game-winning RBI on a first-inning single. Westfield added two more runs in the fourth on a suicide squeeze by Scafidi and an RBI single by Will Harden.

Harden, Jeff Bolduc and Tim Cadman each had two hits, with Bolduc stroking a double for the game's only extra basehit.

In the second game, Scafidi also went the distance for the pitching victory. He gave up no earned runs, three singles and two walks and struck out eight.

Westfield only collected two hits in the game but both came in its four-run first inning. With two outs and two Owls reaching base via walks, Matt Donah rapped a run-scoring single. Nate Hall was hit by a pitch to load the bases, then Cadman cleared the sacks with a double down the left field line.

The Owls added an unearned run in the third on a sacrifice fly by Wenzel.

After his shaky first inning, Mass Maritime pitcher Kevin McLaughlin settled down to silence the Owls. Over the final six innings, McLaughlin struck out 11 and did not allow a hit or walk; he retired the final 15 batters.

Williams 18 - Westfield State 1

William College rolled to an 18-1 victory over Westfield State College in the Owls' home opener on Tuesday, April 10.

Williams, ranked fourth in New England, improved to 14-4.

Freshman Jabe Bergeron of Keene, N.H. and junior Mark Scialabba combined for nine of Williams' 19 hits. Bergeron was 5 for 6 with two doubles, four RBI and four runs scored. Scialabba was 4 for 5 with five RBI and a double.

Williams sophomore third baseman Austin Lehn was 2 for 5 to extend his hitting streak to 14 straight games.

The Owls' only had three hits, including a double by Jeff Bolduc and an RBI single by Corey Scafidi.

Softball Sinks Mass Maritime

BUZZARDS BAY - The Westfield State softball team swept a double header from Mass Maritime Academy, 11-0 and 8-0.

Westfield won the opener in five innings. Nicole Kenney, Jill Easttey and Suzie Scott each had three hits and two RBI. Jen McInnis and Kate Pomerleau both rapped two singles.

Westfield broke open the second game with a four-run uprising in the fifth. Sue Smith and B.J. Dion both belted three singles. Tasha Goulet had a double and single and two RBI. Collecting two hits were Easttey, Kenney, and Kelly Walsh.

Western Conn. Sweeps Westfield

DANBURY, Conn. - The Western Connecticut State softball team rolled to a 16-2, 7-0 double header sweep of Westfield State on Tuesday, April 10.

Western Connecticut improved to an impressive 15-1, while Westfield dropped to 5-9.

In the opener, Western blasted 19 hits as 11 players hit safely. Freshman outfielder Suzie Scott collected two of Westfield's five hits.

In the second game, Western Connecticut catcher Kim Lynch was 3 for 4 with six RBI and two homers, including a grand slam in the bottom of the sixth that broke open a close game.

Sophmore shortstop Nicole Kenney collected two of Westfield's four hits.

Westfield pitcher Sarah Kalagher went the distance, allowing 12 hits and three walks. Western pitcher Sarah Zaslaw struck out 14.

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In the Spotlight
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Track and Field Results

Springfield College Invitational
April 7, 2001

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Springfield 228; 2. Tufts 142; 3. Bates 134; Westfield 90; 5. Southern Maine 23.
FIRST: Vin Ferrecchia, javelin, 182-9.
SECOND: Josh Lewbel, long jump, 21-3.5; 4 x 100 relay, 43.72; Tom Bousquet, 5000, 15:48.72.
THIRD: Chris Allie, triple jump, 40-9.75; Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.94; David Eaton, 400 hurdles, 57.8; Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.51; Marco Iannello, 800, 2:01.73.
FOURTH: 4 x 400 Relay, 3:32.23; Josh Lewbel, high jump, 5-8; Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 57.82.
FIFTH: Jeff Favreau, triple jump, 37-10.
SIXTH: Chris Allie, long jump, 19-11; Greg Haskell, javelin, 153-6; Rob Byrne, shot put, 41-9.25.
SEVENTH: Andy Barron, 5000, 16:43.62.
EIGHTH: Mark Howard, hammer throw, 128-9; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 40-7.5; David Carabin, 100, 11.78.

Trinity College Bantam Invitational
April 7, 2001

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS - No team scores were kept.
FIRST: Abbey Laffond, javelin, 118-8.75; Elisabeth Collins, shot put, 34-11.
FIFTH: 4 x 100 Relay, 54.50; Abbey Laffond, discus, 101-10; Vicki Hood, javelin, 110-4.5.
SEVENTH: Deanna Thomas, high jump, 4-6.
EIGHTH: Abbey Laffond, shot put, 32-11.

Men's Dual Meet
at Springfield College
April 11, 2001
No team scores were kept.

FIRST: Jim Foley, high jump, 5-10; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 21-1.25; Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.48; Ryan Fregeau, 200, 23.11.
SECOND: Greg Haskell, javelin, 159-5; Rob Byrne, shot put, 43-0.5; Jeff Favreau, 38-0.75; Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 57.45; 4 x 400 relay, 3:32.56.
THIRD: David Eaton, 400 hurdles, 57.54.
FOURTH: Mark Howard, hammer throw, 127-3; Chris Hume, long jump, 19-10.25; Chris Allie, 400, 53.42; Greg Aucoin, 200, 23.95.
FIFTH: Tom Gilbert, hammer throw, 118-0; Ryan Fregeau, long jump, 19-8; Eric Flossic, javelin, 124-4; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 41-7; Marco Iannello, 400, 54.66; Greg Aucoin, 100, 11.95; James Creed, 800, 2:37.97.

Women's Dual Meet
at Springfield College
April 11, 2001
No team scores were kept.

FIRST: Abbey Laffond, javelin, 122-8; Deanna Thomas, high jump, 5-2.25; Jess Silva, 100, 13.75.
SECOND: Abbey Laffond, discus, 106-3; Jess Silva, long jump, 15-4.25; 4 x 100 relay, 53.73; Nikki Esten, 200, 28.09.
THIRD: Vicki Hood, javelin, 107-11; Michaela Blaney, triple jump, 30-7; Lis Collins, shot put, 33-2.5; Erin Rourke, 100 hurdles, 18.21.
FOURTH: Jen Daukas, discus, 83-5; Michaela Blaney, long jump, 14-4; Shannon Rhinhart, triple jump, 30-3.5.
FIFTH: Lis Collins, discus, 82-2; Abbey Laffond, shot put, 32-3.75; Nikki Esten, 400, 68.62; Starr Hockenberry, 800, 2:41.28.

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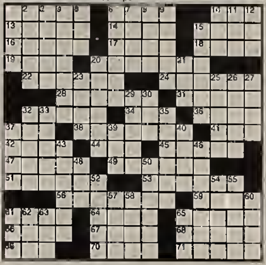


HI KIDS!! BOY, ARE WE GONNA HAVE SOME SUPER FUN THIS WEEK! I THINK I PACKED MORE FUN INTO THIS PAGE THAN YOU COULD SHAKE A RABID RACCOON AT! HOT DAMN!!!

CHAOS by Brian Shuster

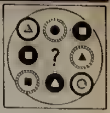
"Oh yeah? Well, how come when WE do it we're being irresponsible, but when YOU do it you're just having a stampede?"

KIDS' WORLD

SPOT CHECK! Have you a sharp eye for design? Let's see. Study the diagram at right carefully, and see if you can come up with a conforming design for the circle shown at center.

Note: Design is to tie in with pattern characteristics of horizontal and vertical rows. Diagonal row considerations are not relevant.

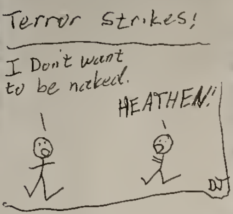
Now quickly can you puzzle it out? No fair peeking



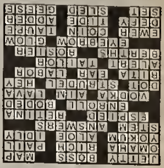
Missing design consists of a heavy black outer circle with a white enclosure and a small shaded square

STRING DING! Place a piece of string on the table. Ask someone to take one end in each hand, and tie a knot without releasing the string. How's it done?

Fold arms before grasping ends of string



Terror Strikes!
I Don't want to be naked.
HEATHEN!
DJ



LEX

by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)

AAH, YES... YOU HAVE MANY FRIENDS, BUT YOU WONDER IF SOME ARE GENUINE. YOU ALSO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT HURTING A FEW WHO ADMIRE YOU...
... THERE HAVE BEEN MANY GIRLS IN YOUR LIFE, BUT YOU YEARN FOR A TRUE COMPANION. YOU FEAR RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITMENT, SO YOU FREQUENTLY TURN TO VICES.
WOW! YOU WERE ABLE TO READ ALL OF THAT FROM HIS PALM?!
NAH... I JUST NOTICED HE WAS WEARING A FRATERNITY SHIRT.
GREEK WEEK
GREEK WEEK

Personals

I love wearing flare jeans because men check out my ass for 10 minutes before looking up and realizing I'm a man.

Hi, your hot.

Dear Secret Admirer, which Lisa? Who are you? Give us a clue...

It is unfortunate that the Campus Voice has to downsize the paper, but why did they cut out all of the important educational articles?

You were both sitting in Subway, both wearing white t-shirts, both studying. Whoever finds me first gets the prize.

Thank you to the nice girl who gave me two pens to write these wicked cool personals.

Matty, you are so hot!

Why is it when people see a woman with short hair, they insist on refering to her as "Sir?"

The Subway girl with the blue adidas visor is sooooc hot!!! - David D Tower.

Coming through number 105 VIP!

Do you want to see some cheese with that whine?

All I wanted was Jimmy Buffet Tickets!!!

It would be my pleasure to sun outside!!!

6:00 A.M. Booty calls are the best!

I'm done with the checking of the bag conversation.

Has anyone seen a black bra lately?

Stew, Karen, & Jess missed you at the Senate Banquet, but I guess partying in Courtney is Fun!!

Hey, where di d the Marasa column go?

Jill- Take a bath, wash yourself, show me what your washing with!

Rhiannon- When ae we going to invite Pat's friends up again?

Rach- I have some green ketchup if you want some.

I wish I could rememeber the Senate Banquet.

Cheeseballs are for monkies.

Scuba Steve, did you ever know that your my hero? Your everything I would likelike to be...

I love being drunk on a random Monday afternoon.

Calling all members of the loop... oops, wait, there is no loop!!!

GSA meetings Wed @7:00 Ely 232

Antman- Stop staring you're creeping us what! Thank you -every girl at WSC.

Leave Manning alone...His butt is just fine!!

Hey subways girl with the blue Adidas visor, call me...x7100.

Hey Cheryl...after 2 years you're till not missing anything!!!

Kaylen's boobs are too big for her body.

AIM HIGH

Does anyone knew who the big hunk was with the big pink glasses at the senate?

Katie G. is happy....really, really happy!

Dennis from Church Street - you are sooo gorgeous and once you notice me we WILL get married.

Hey Karen, - Just wanted to say hi and to tell you how much you mean to me. I love you more than anything. Love, Keith

Meghan, if you want to borrow a tire, I got one for you!

Alex dude, we gotsta shoot some more pool! We suckmonkey's ass.

Stew got caught!

The mail men is Courtney is all mine...so back off!!!

I don't know when or where, but something is bound to happen.

Why can't those boyz in Lammer's Hall get along?

This is the best day EVER!!!

I hate it when boys don't communicate with me, it makes everything so confusing.

Okay, I'm done with that boy.

My back hurts Triff!!!

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

Spring Weekend!

Saturday, April 28
11:30am-Lloyds Hill
12:30 pm-Children of the Korn
1:45 pm-Dispatch
3:30 pm-Itchy Fish
5:30 pm-Rahzel (From the Roots)
Friday, April 27
Ely Main Lounge
8:30 pm-Disco Village
9:30 pm-Three Apples High
10:30 pm-Breakdancers
11:00 pm-Travelling Matt
11:30 pm-Free Pancake Breakfast
Third World Room
9pm-1am
Hip-Hop Dance Party w/DJ's Wes & Chico
TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE UNTIL APRIL 20 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT.
STUDENTS: $20.00
GUESTS (APTS. & COMMUTERS) $20.00
GUESTS $37.00
*****BEER TENT*****
REQUIRES A SPRING WEEKEND TICKET!

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 4/16	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office
	8:00 p.m.	Monday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Almost Famous" and "The Patriot"	Channels 56&57
Tue 4/17	10:00 a.m.	Computer Workshop: Netscape Mail	Bates Multimedia Lab
	1:30 p.m.	Computer Workshop: Basic HTML	Bates Multimedia Lab
	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Get Carter" and "The Godfather"	Channels 56&57
Wed 4/18	1:30 p.m.	Computer Workshop: Advanced HTML	Bates Multimedia Lab
	3:30 p.m.	Brass, Composition and Piano Students	Dever Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
	6:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Gay Straight Alliance Meeting	Ely 232
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Meeting	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "School Ties" and "The Contender"	Channels 56&57
Thur 4/19	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	7:30 p.m.	Campus Crusade Bible Study	Meet in Ely Lobby
	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Ely 130
	8:00 p.m.	Movies N/A	Channels 56&57
Fri 4/20	8:00 p.m.	Loft Project "Ragtree" Live	3rd World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Movies N/A	Channels 56&57
Sat 4/21	12:00 p.m.	Softball vs. Bridgewater State	Softball Field
	12:00 p.m.	Baseball vs. Bridgewater State	Alumni Field
	6:00 p.m.	Punk Rock Club Concerts	3rd World Room
	8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies N/A	Channels 56&57
Sun 4/22	12:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	4:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Wilson Auditorium
	7:30 p.m.	Vocal Recital: Nichole Provencal & Lisa Lawrence Treanor	Bates Rectal Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Movies N/A	Channels 56&57

JUST THE PLAIN FAX

AS SGT. JOE FRIDAY USED TO SAY--"JUST THE PLAIN FAX MA'AM." A PUBLIC FAX MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE ELY CAMPUS CENTER MAIN LOUNGE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW. PRICES ARE OUTLINED FOR EACH USAGE.

NEED CASH FAST?

Fleet Bank ATM located in Ely Campus Center Main Level.

GOING SOMEWHERE?

Bus /Train information available at the Campus Center Service Window

At your service........

NEED A WASH?

Golden Nozzle car wash coupons on sale for $4 at the Campus Center Service Window. Make your car happy and clean!

DON'T FORGET!

Get your Spring ID stickers at the Campus Center Service Window

WANT SOME CULTURE?

Check out Springfield Symphony Orchestra schedule at the Campus Center Service Window. Student vouchers for $5

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Games are located in Ely 131. You must present your student ID in order to take games out.

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Dining Commons

Mon-Thurs 7:30a-7:00p Fri 7:30a-6p
Weekends 10:30a-1:30p & 4:30p-6p

Health Services

(Nurse on duty) Sun 4p-12a, M-Th 8a-12a, F 8a-4p, Sat 12p-5p
(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p x5500 pool info

Library Hours

Mon-Thur 8a-11p Fri 8a-5p
Sat 1p-6p & Sun 1p-9p

Bookstore

M-Th 8:30a-5p Fri. 8:30a-4p
Sat. 11a-3p Sun. Closed

Subway

Mon-Fri 8a-11p Sat 12p-11p
Sun 1p-11p

Events are free & open to the entire college community unless otherwise noted.

To have events published on The Back Page please

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Final reaccreditation forum brings together all committees

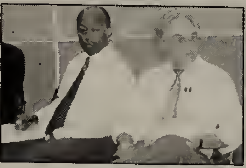
By Adrienne Lamplough
Voice Reporter

The six self-study subcommittees were brought together at the final open forum for the reaccreditation process last Monday in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

The decennial reaccreditation process begins with a self-study, done by six committees, to depict Westfield State College (WSC) strengths and weaknesses, and then the study is given to New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) before they come to campus to assess the college. Among other things, accreditation serves to ensure that the college is following their mission statement.

The final self-study open forum's purpose was to see if there was any other input regarding the standards, said Professor James Carabetta of the Computer Science department.

We have had a lot of outside input other than the sub-committees," said Carabetta. He said that many of people have the background to know the institution. There are a lot of people who know this place really well, he said.



-Photo by Kay Saltmasrsh

Vice President Jackson and Professor Jim Carabetta at the NEASC forum.

According to Carabetta the accreditation process makes everyone look at the big picture it is a very valuable process for the institution. This helps WSC look back and see what the institution has done in the past that was both good and bad.

According to Vice-President of Student Affairs Arthur Jackson, the committee is looking at where Westfield State should be in ten years.

Carabetta asked the committee members if they had any questions regarding the reaccreditation, the open forums, or if they had any comments to make about their own sub-com

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Efforts underway to improve diversity

A call for action is addressed to President Woodward

By Laura Cyr
Assistant Editor

A call for "explicit and assertive leadership" to recruit a racially and ethnically diverse faculty and student body was recently addressed to President Woodward by many professors and administrators on campus. This call was given due to a feeling amongst many that the administration at Westfield State College (WSC) has not been forthcoming and must take actions to address, not just study, the issues.

This call for action is in response to the results of last year's "Campus Race Dialogue Report," which was issued by a faculty/staff committee calling for a 50 percent increase in the proportion of minority students and faculty by 2005, and a multicultural core curriculum. In a letter to the Campus Voice from Professor Michael Engel, Political Science, he said that many are demanding action because the report released last year has not resulted in any specific proposals, only a subcommittee (the Task Force on Diversity Committee) that has been studying these issues since the fall.

"I'm not sure what is being accomplished by that task force," said Engel. Engel said he had attended the task force's meetings, but has since stopped going.

Engel is part of another commit

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SGA Election Results (2001-2002)

President:
Shane Eldridge
Vice President of Student Life:
Brent E. Fisher
Vice President of Finance:
Tom Amos
Vice President of Programming:
Angela LaPierre
Treasurer:
None
Executive Secretary:
Kathryn Gelinas
Secretary to the Legislature:
None
Student Trustee:
Jonathon Harris
All College Representatives:
Jay Pleau
Krystin Nadeau
Kelli Nielson
4 positions still open
Board of Governors:
None
Multicultural Representative:
Corrine Hairston
Commuter Council Representative:
None
Alumni Representative:
None
Class of 2002 President:
Meghan Canning
Class of 2003 President:
Jennifer Prior
Class of 2004 President:
Lindsay Callahan

Tuition waiver may be offered to high school valedictorians

Board of Higher Education will vote to use tuition waiver to attract top students to state colleges

By Meg Canning
Voice Reporter

The Massachusetts Board of Education is in the process of passing a program that will allow state and community colleges to waive tuition for valedictorians of public and private high schools.

The University of Massachusetts already offers tuition waivers to the two top high school students. The new program would expand upon this but limit it to valedictorians.

The program is intended to reward high performing students, boost schools' academic appeal and help top students who want to stay in Massachusetts, according to the Associated Press (AP) in a recent article.

The Board's hope is that the program will raise the academic profile of public colleges, according to the AP.

"When you live in Massachusetts, with its nationally renowned independent institutions, many people don't realize that our public institutions are also high quality," Judith L. Gill, chancellor of higher education said to the AP.

Westfield State College (WSC) will maintain high academic standards, Director of Admissions Michelle Mattie said. "This would allow students quality education for an affordable cost."

It's a wonderful idea, President Frederick Woodward said. "I'm very much in favor of it," he said.

It's a great idea, Communication professor Madeleine Cahill said. "I'd like them to expand it to what UMass does," she said.

Physical Science professor Frank Giuliano also said it's a great idea. "In an age where we hear lots about athletics, it'd be nice to hear more about academic scholarships and waivers."

The current cost of in-state tuition per year at WSC is $970.

Valedictorians aren't going to come to state schools when it's a small amount we're talking about, sophomore Christine Ryan said. "I don't think they'll choose WSC when they could get scholarships and go anywhere," she said.

It's a fantastic idea to reward students, Criminal Justice major Scott St. Cyr said. "But there's other kids out there that aren't valedictorians that are good students and want to come here as well," St. Cyr said.

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Senior Megan Meehan & Junior Elizabeth Marshall star in the ten minute play directed by Christine Blacke. Five ten minute plays to be put on by the Theatre Arts Program in the Ely Theatre on May 3, 4, & 5 at 8 pm.

Jasper Art Museum displays local Westfield talent

By Kay Saltmarsh
Voice Staff

Westfield resident Joan Piper said she brought her granddaughter to the Jasper Rand Art Museum for a visit while on spring vacation to show her Westfield school's current exhibit.

"It's very interesting to see what other children my granddaughter's age are doing," Piper said. "I am very impressed with Westfield art students, they have exceptional works on display here."

Piper's granddaughter, Nicole Johnson, 9, said her favorite piece of artwork in the museum was an abstract painting because it had such "bright and busy" colors.

"The Jasper Rand Art Museum is a great way for all artists to exhibit their work, while having a public forum," Jasper Rand Art Museum Director Patricia Thompson Cramer said.

Anyone can display their artwork in the Jasper Rand museum,

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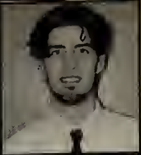

My Last Exit

"To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better...to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!"

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

I left Sandwich High School on Cape Cod four years ago bound for higher education and ready to embrace every opportunity college had to offer. No one in my family had ever attended college, and despite the fact that I was a stout underachiever, I seemed like the family's best bet to become the first college graduate.

As a senior in high school, I desperately wanted to take control of my own destiny and college seemed like my ticket off the Cape, which is a wonderful place to grow up, but a terrible place to be 20 years old. After seeing Robin Williams in Dead Poets Society, I had decided to pursue the profession of education and become an English teacher. My high school English teachers were very supportive and influential and I thank them for inspiring and challenging me.

The biggest hurdle between college and me was the fact that my overall high school GPA was so low. I scored just average on my SAT's and even then I was vehemently opposed to high stakes standardized testing. Dreams of going to college in Colorado and California were shattered when I learned that my grades were not good enough and that funds were limited. So I decided to pursue the cheap state school with requirements just above what I had as far west of home as I could find and Westfield State had a cool lookin' book that year.

It turned out that WSC was the only school I applied to; I figured if they wouldn't take me no one else would and I'd move to Colorado anyway to become a ski bum. I worked my butt off senior year of high school in classes and I think my guidance counselor put in a plug for me at the admissions office. I applied as early as possible and somehow was accepted. Realizing what a miracle it was for me to be accepted into any college, my best friend bought me a frame for the letter, and for four years it's sat on my desk as a reminder: "make the most of this opportunity, because you almost never had it."

Since I arrived on campus I have embraced the idea that college is what you make of it and that every college has its strengths and weaknesses. I decided early on to do what I could to leave this place a little better than I found it. And since I learn the most through experience, I decided to dabble in a little bit of everything to become the most well-rounded person as possible.

I attended the general interest meeting for the Campus Voice, since I had worked on my high school newspaper, but decided to instead become Class President and join SGA. For the next two years, I made more posters, knocked on more doors, attended more meetings, and slept less hours a night than at any other time in my life. But I also met a lot of great people, learned invaluable skills, and was presented with many wonderful opportunities. We started the Halloween Masquerade and went on trips ranging from Blue Man Group to a Red Sox game. I washed 150 pumpkins for pumpkin grams in my dorm shower, went door-to-door selling them, and met so many students. Through the Class of 2001 and SGA, I gained a good sense of what the students of WSC wanted and cared about and that has helped immensely at The Campus Voice.

My Sophomore year I joined a rock band and for some strange reason we named ourselves Lloyds Hill after the shortcut to WSC that everyone throws their trash on. We wrote some songs, won the Battle of the Bands that year and got to play at Spring Weekend. We made a recording, got shows all over New England and even one in New York City that I showed up too late to play at. The experience of being in a band is one I'll never forget and I thank my bandmates, new and old, for putting up with me these past few years and look forward to the future.

It was my Sophomore year that I joined the Campus Voice, taking over the Backpage from the Campus Center staff. I envisioned a place where all the events of the college community could be published for students to access and the editors let me do it. From there I rose up the ranks and by my junior year I had become Managing Editor. I then was informed that I would be the Editor in Chief my senior year and I was quite nervous, since I didn't think I'd be able to measure up to the two previous editors. I knew I wasn't supermen like they were, so I recruited a solid staff, who rose to the challenge and have produced a fine volume of the Voice.

This paper would be nothing without the voluntary efforts of those few dozen students and I cannot thank them enough for their time and dedication to the student newspaper and the college community. In the past, finances have always been magically taken care of at the Voice. No editor I know of has ever played a major role in the advertising aspect of the Voice. But faced with declining funds at the end of last semester, the Voice was threatened with bankruptcy. In a meeting, the college Vice President told the editorial board it seemed unlikely that the Voice would be able to continue to print in the spring semester without some kind of aid. I'm proud of the staff for proving him wrong and pulling together to raise revenue. We were forced to go to 12 pages from 20, but we printed all the editions we planned on without sacrificing space for campus news. I am confident next year's staff, under the leadership of the new Editor in Chief Laura Cyr, will be even better.

Comparatively speaking, WSC is a good place to go to college. I know people who think the Voice does its best to criticize the college, but I also know that we print the good and the had here, and that's our job as college journalists. I also know people who despise WSC for every reason imaginable. My advice to them is that no college is perfect, but if you dislike it that much please spare us the negativity and transfer. As you will see in our last edition next week, most people enjoy college here and would recommend it to friends and family.

Over the past four years I have witnessed a shift in the social environment at WSC. My freshman year I played coffeehouses in front of eight people, now hundreds go out to see the talent our college produces. Major breakthroughs in programming through SGA have managed to bring hundreds of students to events such as Say What Karaoke, The Price is Right, the Halloween Masquerade, and Senate Banquet. And despite the high fee, hundreds of students had a great time at last weekend's Spring Weekend festivities. Other student efforts have brought many students together at exciting MTG productions, the theatre department's haunting plays, campus concerts, and trips to New York City for the Holiday season and to see tapings of the Letterman Show. I was blown away to see so many people packed into Dever Auditorium to see an academic program, Jean Kilbourne's "The Naked Truth". presentation.

Thanks to the efforts of students who care about WSC, this campus community has come a long way and I only see more improving in the future. I have visited other colleges, public and private, and none compare to our school. I have been to Battle of the Bands concerts at Assumption College and Stonehill College and UMass Amherst and none of them attract the number of students ours does.

So you may hate the food, the registration process, and the overcrowded rooms, but keep in mind that every college has its perks and faults. Overall WSC is a good college to go to, especially at more than one third cheaper than most private schools. Make the most of your time here.

Due to rising admissions standards, chances are I would not gain admittance to WSC today with my qualifications from high school. I would have missed out on the life experiences to be in a band, be class president, and editor of the school newspaper. At what other school would an average guy like me be able to do the things that I have done here? I worry that other Bobb Burgesses may not go to college and be stuck in their hometowns because of money or increasing standards or that damn MCAS test, which I'm sure I would have had trouble with; basic skills my ass!

To get right down to the point, I wouldn't be the same person had I not come to WSC, been exposed to great opportunities, and met the wonderful people I did here. I want to thank all those who supported me through the years, all those who supported the Campus Voice, and I wish next year's staff the best of luck.

Bobb Burgess, Editor in Chief

Dispute in SGA over Gregory's decision to sit on graduation stage

By Tom Perron
Voice Reporter

Jon Conlogue, Director of Residential Life, introduced a list of proposed residence hall policy changes for the 2001-2002 academic school year, including a new policy to throw away non-approved appliances rather than confiscating them, as the policy currently states, and a motion was passed for the Student Government Association (SGA) to write a letter to the administration to express their concern about the senior class officers not being present on stage for Commencement, at last week's SGA meeting.

This specific policy changes raised many questions and concerns from various SGA members.

Conlogue said that he thinks this will encourage students to refrain from bringing non-approved appliances to their rooms during the year.

"I think that this will send the strongest possible message to the college community," he said. "The other reason for this policy change is to prevent the use of campus space to store the items until the end of the semester."

Meg Canning, President of the Junior Class, agreed that throwing away a $5 candle is no big deal, but said that she didn't think it was very practical to throw away a $100 microwave, or other expensive items.

Conlogue said that rather than throwing out the appliances and items, that there was a motion to donate confiscated appliances to either good will or the Salvation Army. He also said that another idea would be to use them in the common rooms in the various resident halls.

"We are purchasing more microwaves for the common rooms. We feel that if we are taking something away from the students, we should give them an alternative option," he said.

As noted in the Monday, April 16 edition of "The Campus Voice," the Senior Class Officers will no longer be sitting on the commencement stage during graduation.

Gregory said, "We already went to higher levels about this situation, but we may go higher."

Fran Henderson opened new business and moved to have SGA send a letter to the administration of concern and sadness about this situation and show support for the officers of the senior class.

Bill Dunbar, representative for the class of 2001 and Parliamentarian for SGA, expressed his disappointment in the whole situation but mainly in the decision of Gregory to still sit on stage.

"I am disappointed that Jocelyn elected to sit on stage without the other officers because I feel that it only divides the class even more."

-Bill Dunbar
SGA Parliamentarian

Dunbar said, "I am disappointed that Jocelyn elected to sit on stage without the other officers because I feel that it only divides the class even more."

Gregory said that she felt if she had a chance to represent the entire class on stage, she should grasp it.

Shalimar Colon, SGA Student Trustee, noted that since she is on the board of trustees she has talked to the chair of the board. Colon said that they did not want to replace the officers, but they felt that they should also be recognized for all the hard volunteer work that they put in for Westfield State College.

Gregory said that "Room is not important, it's all about being 'appropriate.' There could be eleven empty seats on the stage and [the class officers] would not be sitting in them."

"Not getting to sit on stage does not bother me, but the end of tradition does," said Dunbar.

The board of senators then approved Henderson's motion of writing a letter.

Museum

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whether they are amateurs or professionals, as long as they submit an application and meet the requirements, Cramer said.

"Exhibits are always displayed in the museum for an entire month," Cramer said. "Every single April, the local schools are given the opportunity to showcase their art work." The present display of artwork includes drawings, paintings and other forms of creative wall hangings, Cramer said.

"The current exhibit demonstrates how artistic the boys and girls from our local schools are," Jasper Rand Art Museum Executive Secretary Candy Pennington said. "This is a great way for students to shine and be proud of their artwork"

The Jasper Rand Art Museum is located in the center of Westfield and the hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-8:00pm and Friday and Saturday from 8:30am-5:00pm, Pennington said.

"We are doing very well and we have a lot of traffic because of our location," Cramer said.

Paintings, drawings, photographs, quilt exhibits, furniture displays, toys, clothing, pottery, wood carvings and poetry are all considered forms of art that may be exhibited in the Jasper Rand Art Museum, Cramer said.

The museum provides glass walls and cases, in addition to the generous amount of wall space for the artist to showcase their talents, Cramer said.

"The requirements for presenting artwork specify that all work must be original and all works must be framed and hung by the artist." Cramer said. "Also, the artist can not include prices on their work, only titles with the artists name is acceptable."

If the artist wants to keep a price list of their works, they can keep a list at the front desk, Cramer said.

"We ask the artists to keep a price list at the desk rather than on their work because we don't want to be the middle man in their potential sale," Cramer said. "The artist may also keep a guest book on display to keep track of the number of visitors."

A board of directors oversees the Jasper Rand Art Museum. A committee including members of the board of directors, meet once a year and they select the art displayed in the museum, Cramer said.

"We often provide publicity for the artist and send information about their exhibits to local advertisers and newspapers," Cramer said. "We also allow the artists to have an opening for their exhibits, including food and refreshments. However, alcohol is prohibited."

-Photo by Kay Saltmarsh

Inside the Jasper Art Museum in downtown Westfield

"Although there is no fee for the artist to display their art and there is no fee for the public to observe the artwork, it's possible that some members of the Westfield community do not know we exist," Cramer said.

"I've never heard of the Jasper Rand Art Museum, but it's a place I would go because I enjoy looking at art." sophomore Kate Tedeman said.

Tedeman said she would like to see sculptures on display. "Modern art is so unusual, anybody can paint a bowl of fruit," Tedeman said.

"I didn't know we had an art museum in Westfield, but I would visit the museum to see local talent," junior Dan Loubier said.

WSKB Music Director Mark Hite also said he never knew there was an art museum in Westfield and he said he probably would not go to the Jasper Rand Art Museum.

"Personally I like museums, mainly Science museums," Hite said. "I like science better than art in most cases when it comes to taking a trip to a museum."

The environment in a science museum is full of knowledge, while art museums are more interpretive, rather than factual meanings, Hite said.

"It's more interesting to me to find out what was on earth a million years ago, rather than looking at a painting some artist did 100 years ago," Hite said.

The Jasper Rand Museum sounds like it's a good opportunity for you to see your own artwork on display, as well as looking at what other artists can produce, Art major Jessica Norden said.

"I don't think it's necessarily difficult to establish yourself as an artist," Jessica Norden said. "In some way everyone is an artist and if you are able to share what you create, you will be able to establish yourself more freely."

"At this very moment I would not be interested in displaying my own work at the museum. Possibly in the future," Norden said. "For now I'll continue to be my own worst critic."

Norden said she likes to create mostly abstract art and drawings of "normal things" like people and places.

"I like abstract art more because it lets me put my feelings down and I know what it means and it doesn't necessarily matter how others interpret it," Norden said.

"I would definitely go to the museum in Westfield to see original works, something that is from the heart, Norden said. "When a person simply draws just to draw as a requirement or they paint just to paint, it doesn't mean as much as when it comes from the heart."

Voice of The Week

Shane Eldredge

POSITION AT WSC: Class of 2002 Rep. to senate, President elect of SGA for 2001-2002

HOMETOWN: Dudley, MA

FAMILY: Mom and dad, 2 brothers and a dog

YEARS AT WSC: 3

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: 1c1

LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: 8:30 classes, 9:30 classes, 10:30 classes

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Want some advice? Classes, nothing before 11 am, and will you have a car? Someone in your hall will. Find them and make friends with them on the first day," PCV

MOST LIKE TO MEET: Samuel Adams

FAVORITE FOOD: steak and mashed potatoes

BEST DAY OF HIS LIFE: Too many to count

QUESTION HE MOST WANTS ANSWERED: When will the Red Sox win the World Series?

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Diversity

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tee, the Multicultural and Ethnic Studies Committee, which is composed of faculty and administrators. He said that this committee has released their own proposals and plans of action to President Woodward, and that Woodward has agreed to meet with them to discuss this on May 3.

Engel said that the proposals he has written are all in line with the Board of Higher Education's mission. He said that they are requesting funding for these in the FY2003 budget, since the budget for next year is already all set.

Some of the programs Engel has proposed include diversity initiative teaching grants to allow for new courses on diversity related topics, faculty development workshops on multicultural teaching and curriculum development, a permanent student recruitment committee to help recruit minority students, and a permanent mentoring committee to assist in mentoring minority students.

Some of these programs are similar to ones the Task Force has been working on. Vice President of Student Affairs, Arthur Jackson, said that he is chairing a subcommittee that is working on the recruitment and retention of students of color and international students. He said that the objective of their plans are to increase the number of students of color and international students.

Jackson said the committee has come up with plans to meet this objective. "We need to spend more time recruiting in urban areas," he said. He said that by doing this they will work with high schools in such areas, make more contact with community organizations in the areas, such as the Urban League in Springfield, and expanding an early awareness program in middle schools.

The committee has come up with programs to start recruiting students abroad as well, said Jackson. "We have some contacts in Africa, South America, the Caribbean, and Europe," he said. He added that he hopes to further those contacts to help attract international students to WSC.

Pamela Mitchell Crump, a member of the Task Force committee and the Director of Equal Opportunity at WSC, said that other programs the committee has thought of include a mentoring program. She said this would link students of color with faculty or administration also of color when they arrive at WSC. She said that this will be done to help make sure the student is doing well, and to help guide and support him or her.

Jackson said that they hope to start the programs next year, by recruiting students for 2002, so by 2005 there will be visible increases in diversity. "We should start seeing some meaningful changes in three years," he said. "Our ultimate goal is to have the student population of WSC reflect the student population across the state."

Crump said that these programs will take a few years to begin to show a change at WSC. "These things don't happen over night," she said. "There are a lot of factors that go into making these changes happen."

Jackson said that the programs the committee has come up with have an excellent chance of being approved since President Woodward has stated in his goals for the college: "Create a campus community with a diversity of ethnicity, culture, and curricula representative of the contributions of all in society."

President Woodward said that this is an important issue for him. It [increasing diversity on campus] is the "number one item in the college's vision document," he said. He said that the focus is to increase diversity and to get into more urban areas for recruitment of minorities. He said to help with this process, the school will be hiring another person in admissions to help recruit minority students, which is a position he created when he first arrived at WSC.

Jackson said he feels if minority students take the chance to come and see the WSC campus and learn of what it has to offer, the campus will get them to come. He said he feels this will be important to all in the college community for what it can offer. "I think that the cultural knowledge of students will increase as the international students and the students of color population increases," Jackson said. He said that this will make WSC students more globally and nationally minded. He said that with other states in the United States expecting to have a minority population of over fifty percent in the next few years, this is an important lesson for students to learn here.

Should the MCAS be a requirement to get into college?

"I don't think one test should determine whether or not you can get into college."

Patty Henry
Criminal Justice
2003

"Absolutely not - people test different ways. It's not fair to students to base their success on one standardized test."

A'ndrea Blake
Theatre
2001

"No, one test shouldn't say whether or not you can get into college."

Kurt Bernier
Undecided
2004

"Hell no! cause some people aren't good at taking tests."

Jesse Beckley
Undecided
2003

"No, because basically everyone I know who took them did bad on them."

Deabie Coyne
undecided
2004

"No, I believe in testing students, but absolute testing is wrong."

Jeremy Soja
Math/Secondary Ed.
2002

The Campus Voice Q&A with SGA President Elect Shane Eldredge

In an interview with the Student Government Association President-Elect Shane Eldredge, he talks with Assistant Editor Kevin Buckingham about upcoming plans and opinions on several topics on the campus of Westfield State College.

Q. What experience do you have that is relevant to the position of President of the Student Government Association (SGA)?

A. Throughout the year, I have been a Representative to Senate for the Class of 2002. I currently sit on the Finance Committee for SGA as well as the Substance Advisory Committee. Throughout this year I have dealt extensively with administrators. I feel this interaction has bettered my leadership skills and fostered my networking skills. I feel the job of SGA President is a great opportunity to further nurture those skills in the students' best interests.

Q. Why did you run for this position?

A. To both strengthen my leadership and networking skills, and because I love being involved, and I had a chance to become a key member in SGA.

Q. What plans do you have for next year?

A. I am having a preliminary meeting next week, and the entire Executive Board of SGA is going to come back in fall of 2001 earlier then the rest of the student body. I have eight other people on the Executive Board with me as well that I have to meet with next year before any plans go into action. You have to keep in mind that I will not even have a full Senate until two weeks into next semester because of freshmen elections.

Q. Are you worried about anything next year? Can you foresee any problems?

A. Not problems; more so challenges. A potential teacher contract agreement will bring back four governance committees, made up of teachers and students, that haven't met in four years. I think that this will be our biggest challenge.

Q. What do you think about the lack of candidates for SGA positions?

A. I don't necessarily see that as a negative thing, as some people might. I see that as students not knowing about the positions, as opposed to a lack of interest. This is one area of concern, and we at SGA certainly look forward to dealing with it within the following year.

Q. Why do you think that so few people vote at SGA elections?

A. I think that it a lack of student knowledge as opposed to apathy.

Q. What do you think can be done to change this?

A. I think that SGA needs to advertise more. Advertise where it is and where the meetings take place. Make sure that students stay informed.

Q. Do you think that the class officers should be allowed to sit on stage during the commencement ceremony?

A. I can make a case for either side of that argument. It has been a long-standing tradition at Westfield State College (WSC) to allow class officers to sit on stage. Many other schools don't allow this, making it a unique quality to WSC. I think it's important, however, to recognize the Board of Trustees, because commencement celebrates past graduates as well as current ones. I would personally prefer to have the trustees on stage.

Q. The current President of 2001, Jocelyn Gregory, has been asked to sit on stage, but without her fellow officers. What would you do in this position?

A. I would accept the position to represent my class, but certainly not to make it an issue of status or importance with the other officers and students.

Q. If Gregory decided to decline the offer, do you think the choice would be given to future class presidents?

A. If she refused, I would trust the administrators in charge would offer the same opportunity to future class presidents.

Q. Do you think the MCAS should be used for admission to state colleges?

A. Considering how new the MCAS are, and all the inherent flaws with them, not at this time. If the flaws are worked out, and all sides can agree that it is fair, then perhaps in the future.

Q. Do you think that laptops should be required at state colleges?

A. If they can be offered at fair market cost or less, I can understand that sort of mandate. If not, then I probably wouldn't feel very strongly in favor of it.

Q. What do you think about the faculty contract and SGA's neutral position on it?

A. I don't know enough about everything the Board of Higher Education (BHE) offered in regards to what faculty requested to offer a valid opinion. I believe SGA, and Amanda Miranda, were correct in keeping a neutral position.

Q. If SGA exists to represent the views of the students, and there was a protest with several hundred students obviously supporting the faculty in their dispute, why didn't the Executive Board do the research and find out what the students really thought?

A. I am not entirely certain that the current Executive Board did not do such research.

Q. Do you think that the Spring Weekend fee is fair?

A. I think that the fee is fine provided that those funds will go to a well-known headliner and several up-and-coming bands.

Q. Do you think it was fair to raise the ticket price from $15 to $20 before students knew what the headlining act was?

A. I have faith in the Spring Weekend Committee and whatever fee they decide to charge will be well vested in acts for Spring Weekend. Any student that thinks that this fee is unfair is not required to pay.

Forum

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mittee and how much progress they have made.

Nanci Salvidio of Academic Achievement said, "Do you anticipate anymore faculty involvement,"

Carabetta said that he believes that the faculty will become involved, although it will be in a different format.

Carlton Pickron of Academic Achievement asked, "When do we have to mail the draft to NEASC and how will the drafts be accessible?"

According to Carabetta the draft will be sent to NEASC in January 2002, during the winter break and the drafts will be accessible through the Internet.

Shalimar Colon asked if many students had participated in the sub-committees and if they were helpful.

Vice-President William Lopes said, "Justine Young has been a contributing member to the Faculty sub-committee."

Lopes said that she assisted in writing one of the partial drafts for the faculty standard. When students didn't show up to one of the open forums Young took the initiative to hold her own forum for students where food was freely given to those who attended, said Lopes.

The faculty section has the advantage of very active and committed members of the committee. It does have the disadvantage of trying to address the conditions of the faculty without the presence of the faculty, said Lopes.

According to Carabetta he hasn't checked on the status of the amount of surveys turned in. For students to find information about the standards to be able to fill out the surveys they could go to Student Government or the library, but it is also available on the web, said Carabetta.

I'm sure that Westfield State will have some blemishes along the way, but we're in pretty good shape, said Carabetta.

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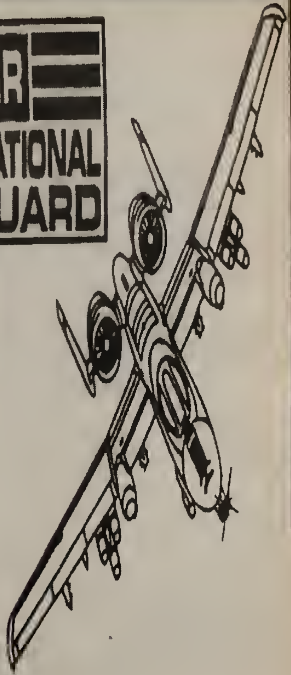

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News Briefs

Leading Attorney of the Tobacco Industry dies of emphysema

Thomas E. Workman Jr., a Los Angeles attorney who successfully defended the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. in the first trial in the death of a cigarette smoker, has died. He was 73.

Workman, whose other clients included Standard Oil Co. and the biotech giant Amgen Inc., died Wednesday in South Pasadena, Calif., of emphysema.

In 1985, the veteran litigator won a 9-3 civil jury verdict for Reynolds in the smoking case in Santa Barbara, Calif., Superior Court. Workman's courtroom opponent was the ``king of torts," Melvin Belli, who represented the family of John Galbraith.

Belli argued that Galbraith, a three-pack-a-day smoker who died at age 69 of heart disease, lung cancer and emphysema, had started smoking before cigarette packages carried any health warnings and was too addicted to stop by the time he learned of hazards.

Although many other similar cases were in various stages of litigation across the country in the mid-1980s, the Santa Barbara case was the first to go before a jury.

The judge accused Belli of rushing the case to trial in order to reap nationwide ``first-trial" publicity, but the trial proceeded.

Workman, himself a smoker of Reynolds-made Camel Lights, denied that Reynolds products were addictive or necessarily the cause of Galbraith's death, citing his ``long and terrible medical history" of tuberculosis, chronic ulcers, pulmonary fibrosis and heart disease.

``Nobody forced him to smoke; nobody put a gun to his head," Workman told the jury. ``He smoked because he liked to and because he liked the taste. That's the reason anybody smokes."

A decade earlier, Workman had defended Standard Oil and other companies against class-action consumer-protection lawsuits, including false-advertising claims involving a gasoline additive's influence on pollution.

After Workman left the courtroom at age 65, he became vice president, secretary and general counsel for Amgen.

Supreme Court to hear two Job Disability cases

The Supreme Court agreed to decide a pair of cases about the scope of the decade-old law protecting the disabled from job discrimination.

The cases address the issues of when a disability is severe enough to allow workers to sue their employers and how the rights of disabled workers should be balanced against those of other employees.

The first case deals with whether an impairment that prevents a worker from doing certain tasks in a particular job counts as a disability entitling the employee to protection under the 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The issue in the second case is whether an employer must accommodate a disabled employee by giving him or her a new job, even if another worker with greater seniority is entitled to the job.

The ADA gives physically or mentally impaired workers protection against job discrimination, including the right to sue in federal court if employers refuse to provide ``reasonable accommodation" of their conditions. The law defines a disability as an impairment that ``substantially limits one or more of the major life activities" of the person involved.

For today's student activists, it's marks, not Marx

BY FRANK AHRENS
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON - The door of Bernard Pollack's apartment at George Washington University is covered with ``No More NAFTAs" signs. You knock, ready to meet a campus hippie. Instead, Pollack is wearing a dress shirt and tie, hair neatly combed behind his ears.

``We've got to dress like this," he explained, ``because there's less of a chance of getting caught." Pollack's girlfriend has applied cultural camouflage, too: A Bush campaign button is pinned to her red backpack.

Pollack, 20, a sophomore majoring in international affairs, and three friends recently piled into a car and headed for the Canadian border. Their target: This weekend's Summit of the Americas in Quebec City, and the Free Trade Area of the Americas treaty (FTAA), a hemispheric pact they believe will help corporations at the expense of poorer nations.

Pollack and his friends are the faces of campus activism in the 21st century: Articulate, well-off, predominantly white, techno-savvy, impressively well-informed and nondoctrinaire - it's hard to find students mouthing Mao and Marx. Today's activists do more volunteer work than their predecessors, yet they are driven students who know that a high grade point average is crucial for good jobs and graduate school. With finals only a couple of weeks away, Pollack and his friends are taking textbooks to Quebec City.

These protesters have no single galvanizing aim, such as ending the war in Vietnam, or defining moral crusade, such as the antiapartheid protests of the 1980s. Today's causes are more nebulous, more nuanced, but in some ways more far-reaching: pragmatic issues of environmentalism, human rights and Third World exploitation.

``This is not an ideological movement," said Craig Rimmerman, professor of political science at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y., and author of a book on campus activism. ``It is one rooted in issues of justice and fairness and dignity. These young people are very much concerned about other people who are less fortunate and how they're being treated in polities and corporate decisions that have negative impacts."

``Globalization" is the umbrella cause of much of this generation's campus activism. The protest signs at almost every demonstration - ``Save the Environment," ``Forgive Third World Debt," ``Boycott Unocal" - can all be traced to globalization by an elaborate connect-the-dots that seems to elude the news media and skeptics.

For Pollack and like-minded activists, the FTAA is another wrong-headed step toward what they see as the worldwide spread of corporate rule at the expense of poorer nations. Last year's World Bank/International Monetary Fund meetings here in Washington were picketed for the same general reasons. ``Fair trade, not free trade," demonstrators chant.

``I couldn't explain the World Bank in a sound bite," Pollack said, emphasizing the complexity of the interlocking causes. Today's issues require a ``multiplatform," they say.

Pollack's apartment is packed with fellow travelers to Quebec, and they list their objections to the FTAA, in the protest language of their generation:

" ... the biocorps are patenting foods ... "

"... impossible for generic AIDS drugs to be produced ... "

" ... giving corporations the right to sue nations ... "

-File photo.

George Washington University students prepare to protest.

Such pockets of protest exist on numerous campuses, touching on many topies. An anti-sweatshop rally at George Washington drew 750 people this month. This week, students at more than 90 universities fasted for a day to protest corporations doing business in military-controlled Burma.

Yale University students plan to protest the FTAA, as do student groups at Humboldt State University in California, the University of Georgia, Virginia Tech, Ohio State, DePauw, the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a dozen other schools, according to an anti-FTAA Web site.

No hard data exist showing whether campus activism has increased or decreased over the decades, Rimmerman said. The traditional hotbeds - Berkeley, Antioch, Columbia - remain such, as students pick up new causes through the generations.

Today's students go straight for the multinational institutions, such as the IMF, and the corporations, which they say wield the power of nation-states. They recognize current issues are more complicated, with more gradations of right and wrong. For instance, on the topic of free trade, today's students understand that NAFTA-style pacts create jobs.

``You have to ask yourself: Is 8 cents an hour worse than no cents an hour?" said Nolen Gertz, 19, a GWU philosophy sophomore. ``Of course not. The question is: What is the cost of creating jobs?"

Such complexities have caused some internal rifts. The anarchist ``Black Bloc," largely responsible for violence in Seattle during the 1999 World Trade Organization meetings, condemns mainstream activists for working within the system, rather than smashing it.

Nevertheless, most of today's campus activists are united by one important trait, said Gary Weaver, an American University professor of international relations and author of a book on campus radicalism: ``These people are much better informed than the activists of the '60s."

The Internet and e-mail provide an information-gathering and organizational network that the activists' parents lacked. During last year's World Bank demonstrations, protesters coordinated activities via cell phones, pagers and instant messaging devices.

And Internet access to primary source material, such as Securities and Exchange Commission documents, can help in their causes.

Like many of their compatriots, the AU students are somewhat flummoxed by their inability to summon a single, simple slogan that doesn't sound like a grad-level economies course.

``There are so many underlying issues-human rights, the environment, trade," said Ali DiMatteo, 22, a senior political science major. ``It makes this a difficult movement to label."

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After rampage by skinheads, Putin condemns intolerance

BY JOHN DANISZEWSKI
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW - After a weekend in which Russian skinheads stabbed a Chechen man to death near the Kremlin and scores more shouting ``Heil Hitler!" rampaged through a market, President Vladimir V. Putin told his Cabinet on Monday to fight ethnic and racial hatred.

Although such incidents have been a recurring problem, with violence reported near universities, churches or other sites where Africans, East Asians and other foreigners gather, Putin warned that the number of attacks has been on the increase.

``For Russia, a multiethnic country, this is absolutely unacceptable," he said after the attack on the Yasenovo market, which newspapers called the most vigorous observance in years by Russian skinheads of the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birth, which was Friday.

Putin's remarks follow the refusal of a group of ultra-nationalist and Communist deputies of the Duma to stand for a moment of silence on Holocaust Remembrance Day on Thursday. ``There are so many holidays," said Vladimir Zhirinovsky, head of the right-wing Liberal Democratic Party. ``Should the Russian Parliament stand every day?"

A human rights activist said he was not impressed by Putin's comments.

``Yes, President Putin condemned the Yasenovo episode today, but these words aren't really worth anything when they are not backed by attempts to cure this fast-spreading epidemic," said Oleg Orlov of the group Memorial.

``Skinheads and other extremists cannot but see the inaction of the authorities, and they take it as a signal that they can commit such crimes again and again."

The 18-year-old Chechen man stabbed to death Saturday night was accosted by several young Russians shouting ethnic slurs, police said. The assault occurred outside a popular shopping mall near the Kremlin.

Most of the vendors at the Yasenovo market in southwestern Moscow are from the Caucasus. The market reopened Monday for the first time since the assault on Saturday, when vendors described being terrorized by more than 100 black-jacketed, steel rod-wielding skinheads.

Witnesses described the skinheads as jogging into the market shouting ``Heil Hitler!" and attacking without warning. They circulated through the open-air and covered areas of the bazaar, overturning stalls, beating vendors and shattering the glass fronts of shops and kiosks.

The onslaught left the merchants shaken, with some staying away Monday and others considering moving for good.

``I have three children - I cannot afford to risk my life here," said Kurban Kerimov, 44, an ethnic Azeri standing in the same booth where he was pushed down and trampled by the skinheads, mostly boys in their mid- and late teens.

Kerimov said he has lived in Moscow for 25 years, but that bigoted attitudes are getting more and more pronounced.

After being trod upon by the skinheads, he managed to crawl away only with bruises. ``It was so humiliating," he said. ``I have lived here so long that I am practically a Muscovite myself, and here I came home covered in dirt."

The rampage lasted for 20 minutes before police arrived. Some merchants complained that the officers stationed at a subway stop outside the market had reacted slowly.

China targets violent crime, executes nearly 120

BY CLAY CHANDLER
WASHINGTON POST

BEIJING - Chinese authorities have executed nearly 120 people in the past 10 days for murder, rape, robbery and other violent crimes as part of a nationwide campaign to counter rising lawlessness.

Authorities in Beijing and three Chinese provinces put 28 people to death Friday for crimes including murder and armed robbery, according to the state-run New China News Agency. Another 89 people were executed around the country on April 11, the state-run media reported.

The executions are part of a ``strike hard" campaign launched this month on orders from President Jiang Zemin, targeting gang-related crime and other violent offenses, the New China News Agency said.

``Strike hard" campaigns are something of a ritual in China. The first was launched in 1983. Typically, they begin with a flurry of high-profile arrests and executions, followed by a period of decline in official crime statistics. Order then gives way to a flurry of new offenses that kindle public outrage and oblige authorities to launch a new campaign.

This time, however, officials appear to be striking with particular fervor to curb a reportedly dramatic surge in violent and gang-related crimes. Crimes reported to police leapt 50 percent in 2000 from the previous year, according to the New China News Agency. Some of the biggest increases have been in thefts and murders, the agency said.

Authorities are concerned that some of the most brutal crimes are a response to government efforts to reform the economy and restructure state-owned enterprises.

Government efforts to curb subsidies for inefficient state-owned ventures have strengthened the economy ahead of China's expected entry into the World Trade Organization. But tens of millions of Chinese have lost their jobs.

In September, a group of men in ski masks opened fire on an armored payroll truck in rural Hunan province. The truck turned out to be empty, but the driver, three guards and a bank employee were killed in the shootout. The men charged in that ambush have been sentenced to death.

This month, the government sentenced to death four people for their role in bombings that killed at least 108 people in the northern industrial city of Shijiazhuang.

Prosecutors alleged that the primary defendant, Jin Ruchao, detonated four homemade bombs in worker dormitories belonging to state-owned cotton mills out of hatred for his neighbors, his ex-wife and his stepmother. Three other defendants were convicted of selling Jin the materials used to make the bombs.

In 1999, China put to death at least 1,263 people. Amnesty International maintains the figure is higher, and that China sentences more people to death than any other country in the world.

Panel urges crackdown on child abusers among clergy

BY MAJORIE MILLER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LONDON - The archbishop of Westminster admitted that he made a mistake when he ignored warnings about a priest he appointed as Gatwick Airport chaplain who was subsequently convicted of nine sexual offenses. But rather than resign, the cardinal appointed a commission to study how to root out sexual abusers from the Roman Catholic Church.

This week, the commission made wide-ranging recommendations to crack down on pedophilia, including police checks on clergy and lay staff, a national database on candidates for the priesthood and a child protection representative in all parishes.

In the most serious cases, priests convicted of child abuse should lose their collars, the commission said in a report issued Tuesday and expected to be adopted by the bishops of England and Wales at a meeting next week.

Twenty-one Catholic priests were convicted of sexually abusing children here between 1995 and 1999. While the offenders represent a small minority of the 5,600 priests in England and Wales, Catholic leaders say pedophiles have damaged the image and moral authority of the church much as they have in the United States, Canada and Ireland.

The archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, commissioned the report in September after he acknowledged that he had erred in appointing the Rev. Michael Hill to the Gatwick Airport chapel.

Hill was released from prison last fall after serving 3 1/2 years of a five-year sentence for nine sexual attacks, including one on a boy with learning disabilities whom he had met at the airport chapel.

``We are committed to ensuring that the Catholic Church becomes the safest of places for children," Murphy-O'Connor said as the report was released, adding that he wants his church to become ``an example to everyone on proper procedures for child protection and dealing with allegations."

The Vatican lauded the cardinal's efforts to clean house.

``We want the problem of pedophilia confronted and stopped wherever it happens," said a spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini.

The Vatican ordered the replacement of the archbishop of Cardiff, John Ward, last year amid accusations that he too ignored warnings about a pedophile priest. In that case, the Rev. Joseph Jordan was convicted of child abuse and sentenced to eight years in prison.

The report on child protection in the Catholic Church was issued by a 10-member committee headed by Michael Nolan, a former member of Britain's highest court, the Law Lords.

The recommendations aim to prevent pedophiles from getting into the church and, if they do so, to make it easier to detect and report their abuses.

Many British victims of pedophile priests have said that when they dared to report sexual abuses, the church was skeptical and quick to close ranks behind the priests. They note that pedophiles are adept at hiding their crimes, and have expressed doubt that voluntary measures will eliminate the problem.

In addition to recommending a database to help vet candidates for the priesthood, the Nolan report said that applicants for work in the Catholic Church should be asked to disclose any criminal offenses against children. Bishops and religious superiors should not overrule selection boards when they express reservations about a candidate's suitability for ordination on the grounds of a possible risk to children, the report said.

The measures are similar to guidelines used to screen teachers, youth counselors, sports instructors and other professionals working with children in Britain.

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The Cut

CHRIS WARD

I spent the week prior to Easter with the school's Model UN team in Manhattan. It was a blast, thanks, but that isn't the point right now. Thousands of students attended from all over the US and overseas and, by way of getting right to the point, many were from Germany. Well, come to find out they complained that there was an "anti-German" sentiment present in committee. From where I sat I saw nothing but respect and a spirit of cooperation, so I don't know what THAT was about… I knew reunification was a bad idea.

Saturday night I got home and saw that a friend of mine had ripped "Medal of Honor 2, Underground" for Playstation. I'm (or you are) a female French resistance fighter shooting Germans, tossing Molotov cocktails at them, or otherwise offering them a stunning array of ways to die. I'm going to contemplate "anti-german sentiment" as I play it now. It counts headshots and the badguys all talk like "Deiter."

Let's just take Canada. Man, we could change the sign on the Statue of Liberty to read 'Welcome to America, add'l parking to the north.'

In the Village Voice I picked up on Bleeker Street last Saturday there was an article that told me (to paraphrase) teen on teen *violence* over the last decade has substantially DECLINED while teen on teen violence COVERAGE has increased by over four hundred percent. The number one cause of intentional harm to teens continues to be adults. Since it hasn't been fed to us, there is less overt concern than warranted for the subject. What politician wants to lead focus toward an epidemic of child abuse and neglect in America? I would think it's like a politician with a "pro-reformation of marijuana laws" plank…he's suddenly the "Pothead Candidate." Would you like to run as the "Child Abuse Candidate?" Even Nixon ran as the "Peace Candidate."

Reference to reality can apparently be anywhere from directly to inversely proportional. That's my theory, Mcnugget, find your own.

You know what? This dude from Quebec I met told me that he doesn't like it when we call ourselves "Americans" because he said that we're all Americans to the north and the central and down south. He said when they refer to us they just say "from the States." I said, "You got beef, Sallyboy?" and poked him in the eye. Let's just take Canada. Man, we could change the sign on the Statue of Liberty to read "Welcome to America, add'l parking to the north."

The turtleneck guy from Bob's Furniture ads (who haunts me in the wee hours) is telling me "as a friend" that cows are being destroyed (his tone mocks me) due to Mad Cow Disease, so the time to buy leather furniture (and those beady little eyes) is now before the shortage of hides drives prices up… "So come on DOWN." Leave it to an entrepeneur to find the silver lining (guy's BEGGING for a wedgie) of even this situation.

Suddenly I realize the absurdity of "Have a Happy Easter." Wouldn't you want every day to be happy? If you're wishing them a little extra happiness on Easter, why not wish that extra measure upon them constantly? Are you saying that you realize that they're less happy than they could be sometimes and that's all right by you? Great. Just what your secretly manic-depressive relative needed to hear, the dull thud of a fallen body meeting concrete echoes upon the framed glass of the building across the street.

Thanks for all the "Problem Prof." stories. Next I'm compiling a simple list of the most beloved and most scorned professors on campus. Please drop me a quick line with your thoughts at "Seamus2003@Yahoo.com."

I'm sure that Spring Weekend was a blast and a success (Big up Maggie and Co.) but, curmudgeony beyond my years, I'd like to add that it was a bad call requiring a bracelet for someone over 21 just to get a "legal" beer. Not only did that decision lose us revenue, but it also pushed drinking back into the dorms. I'm out like an Irishman posting bail on March 18th…Peace and Balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

Don't Call Me Baby

KATHERINE MANNING

After so many people asking me if I can write more on eating disorders, I figured now would be a good time to do it, as the summer nears and we are constantly being bombarded with diet advertisements. Many of you are feeling pressure to slim down for the summer. Some of you may go about reaching your goal in healthy ways and some of you won't. I am writing this article with the utmost hope that some of you will reconsider these seasonally programmed thoughts.

These thoughts are also, as I have before mentioned, socially programmed, as there are many countries that actually like having a little extra fat on them. When my friend moved to Jamaica, she found that the women down there would panic if they LOST weight. It makes you wonder how we got to be this way.

Hopefully Jean Kilbourne clarified some of this for you, as of course much of it is tied to a mass media that actually wants you to feel bad about yourself, because more of their products you will then think you need. Along with this, the diet industry, and an industry it surely is, has nearly doubled even within the last ten years from being a one to a two billion-dollar a year industry when ironically, almost all diets fail.

I think of myself to be extremely lucky for having recovered from this Western Epidemic. I say this because even though just about anyone can get an eating disorder, certain people are in fact pre-disposed to having one which is why many of you out there should educate yourselves about it to avoid getting caught in it's nasty web. I say this because I was once told by the experts that the older you are, the harder it is to get over it. Along with this, as I have mentioned, the media's instructions on how to look haven't lessened at all. The result: the condition thought to be somewhat rare even when I had it is now actually becoming normative.

Realistically, it is often impossible to recover from many eating disorders nowadays. However, there are some solutions that I can offer you. The first piece of advice would be to get out of the country and go to a place that enjoys eating and therefore is not disordered over it. However, since many of you cannot do this right now, you do encompass the power to block out negative images and thoughts. The only way to combat negativity is through positivity, so when you write in your journal at night, write down a few good things that you heard about yourself that day, even if it is just little things. Work on what you like about yourself and what you bring to the world, and if you practice positive reinforcement enough, your intrinsic self will conquer everything around you and you will find where true, not fake, beauty is. Choose to see through this materialistic stuff and you will suddenly see for the first time. The media will always be there, but when you discover the motives and messages behind it that are telling you to be weak, you can ignore it and by doing this, be strong. It is indeed a battle, but a conquerable one.

We are actually not assembling the eating disorder group, as studies have shown it's counteractive effect. (People learn even more how to diet.) However, counseling is offered now that is holistic, working with the mind, body, and spirit to heal and if you know someone that may be afflicted, this casual approach that is now being offered should be recommended.

K. Manning is a Voice Columnist

Officer Williams thanks WSC community

To the Westfield State College Student Body:

This letter is to convey to the students of Westfield State College my appreciation for all of your hard work and generosity during this difficult time for my family and I. Since the devastation of our home three weeks ago, we have received well wishes and generous donations from people all around campus and outside of the college community. The gifts that have been pouring in over the last several weeks have helped my family to recover from what was a horrible accident. For that, I thank you all.

One event during the last week stands out and deserves extra recognition. This evening a package was delivered to me containing a gift so unbelievable, I was in shock. The package contained the results of a collection of donations made by hundreds of students. I want to thank the Student Government Association and members of the Student Security Unit for volunteering their time. There is no way to truly thank all of those who helped in this process, but I want to assure you of my utmost appreciation.

It warms my heart when I think of the way in which the students came together that night. There is no way for me to adequately thank everyone. I wish that I could thank you all individually, however there are so many people to thank and I would surely run the risk of leaving someone out. I would however like to recognize the following individuals for their help: Ryan Forsythe, Michael Beauchemin, Maggie Smith, Joe Diman and Amanda Miranda.

As you can probably imagine, this has been an extremely taxing experience for my family and I. However, the numerous acts of kindness shown to us have helped to ease, the process. Again I thank everyone for your continued generosity, especially the Westfield State College Student Body.

Sincerely,
Roger Williams, Officer

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A Day in the Life

ANGELA LAPIERRE

The sun has finally decided to grace us with its presence and where am I? Stuck inside a sweltering dorm room that smells like feet, trying desperately to type this article. Somehow, it doesn't seem right. Oh well. I've got my music blaring, the breeze from my fan has finally kicked in, and I've started to adapt to the wretched foot stench, so I'll get over it.

Spring has finally arrived and I'm pumped because I can ditch my sweaters and wear some shorts and t-shirts. Then I walk over to my closet and realize that I have tons of pairs of shorts, but no t-shirts to wear with them. No, I haven't been going topless. I've been working at Old Navy over the past couple of summers where they supply you with boring Old Navy Staff shirts, so I haven't had a need for a new summer wardrobe. I've come to a realization that I don't want to be stuck with another summer getting paid $7 an hour to fold t-shirts and harass people for credit card applications, so some summer clothes are a necessity.

Last week I decided to go shopping at Old Navy after work on my quest for some new clothes. (ARGH! I've gotta stop getting sucked in by my 20 percent employee discount and start shopping elsewhere!) Unfortunately, this turns out to be a failure because I'm convinced that Old Navy makes its clothing for Barbie dolls. 75 percent of the halter tops/t-shirts are in wacky 70's retro patterns that are such eyesores they should belong in a museum next to Picasso and not on a piece of fabric. The other 25 percent have "Old Navy" written all over them. I already endorse them by wearing the staff shirt 20 hours a week. I don't need to be reminded of where I work the remaining 80 hours or so I'm awake the rest of the week. But hey, at least I walked out of there with a bunch of photo albums for $1.99 each (plus the 20 percent off). Then again, I NEVER take pictures and I'll probably never fill all of my albums up.

The other day I went to the Holyoke Mall with three of my friends. Two of them are very impatient guys, so obviously they wouldn't want to go into clothing stores to watch me try on stuff. Instead of walking out of the mall with bags filled with brand new clothes, I walked out with an inflatable chair and blank cassette tapes.

So, now I'm sitting here wishing it was winter again. Back in 30 degree weather, I was as happy as a clam because I had cozy sweaters in every color of the rainbow and I didn't have to expose my pasty white skin. Now it's 70 degrees outside, I have nothing to wear and I'm praying that a tan will magically appear on my skin as I type this. Oh yeah, I forgot, tans don't magically appear on your skin. Hmm...I guess I'm gonna go outside to soak up the sun's rays. See you outside! (I'll be the one with the ghostlike complexion wearing shorts and a sweater...)

A. LaPierre is a Voice Columnist

WSC professor attacks the plans of Dubya and the "radical right"

To the Editor:

A typical tactic of the Radical Right is to defend the indefensible by intimidating the opposition with a barrage of irrelevant, selective, or outright phony statistics. Adam Waitkunas' and Brendon Stellman's letters defending George Dubya's fiscal policies are classic examples of this.

I could spend a lot of time tearing their calculations apart, but that would be a waste of time. Their numbers are essentially beside the point. The fact is that the United States has a regressive tax system. This means that the burden of taxation is on the backs of middle and lower-income people. The poorer you are, the larger the chunk of your income taken by the government. On the federal level, the main culprit is the social security tax. State and local tax systems are regressive in all aspects.

While Dubya's tax program may have some modest benefits for some groups of working people, these are merely window dressing for its real purpose, namely, to spend the alleged budget surplus (which, ironically enough, will vanish when the economy tanks) on tax breaks for the very rich. The point is to make the system even more regressive.

For the Radical Right, and for its apologists such as Adam and Brendon, this is no problem. Their goal is to protect wealth, cut government services to working people, and increase corporate profit margins. Of course, they can't say that openly, so statistical smoke and mirrors become the order of the day.

On the other hand, for those of us who oppose the redistribution of wealth from the bottom to the top that has been going on for the past twenty years, Dubya's proposals are insult added to injury. They are another salvo in the class war against labor started by corporate interests in the 1970s. As such, they deserve no more respect or support than the so-called president who produced them.

Michael Engel
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Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

Hey! Wake the f**k up! Hey!" "Yeah, f**k you..." "You goin' to breakfast, a**hole?" "F**k no, dude" "Alright, f**k you, then. See ya later."

Sound familiar? I overhear this conversation (or some slight variation thereof) just about every morning, being yelled outside my window. There was a time that I thought nothing of it. I guess being at college sort of desensitized me. Not long ago, I began finding a sort of grim amusement in it. Now I'm kinda fascinated, amazed at just how ridiculous we've gotten. I've begun keeping score. I try to get through a conversation without a superfluous curse being uttered. And I assure you, it doesn't happen very often.

Is excessive foul language going to hasten the end of civilization? Of course not. But does it make us seem like a bunch of unintelligible cretins? Yep.

I'm not sure when I first became aware of just how bad our language has become. One key moment sticks out, though. I remember standing in line at Stop n Shop, and a few students in front of me were having a pretty typical conversation (meaning that they could have put crusty old sailors to shame). Right in front of them stood a mother with her two young children. I couldn't believe the ignorance displayed by these jokers, as the unending stream of profanity seemed to offend everyone around them. The woman seemed uncomfortable, and kept trying to divert her kid's attention with questions about their day in school. Other people, including one elderly couple, shook their heads in disgust. The guys remained perfectly oblivious. Either that, or they didn't care. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if it were a combination of the two.

The fact is, profanity is not an intelligent mode of communication. There are a lot of ways to get your ideas across without it. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that if you cannot, you probably shouldn't be in college right now. We're here, at least in part, to prepare ourselves for what we'll encounter in the "real world." Try talking the way we do to those in the position to employ us. I think they'll be somewhat less than impressed hy our "interpersonal communication" skills.

Unfortunately, I've come to find that a lot of us seem to swear simply for the sake of doing so. You know, the types who insist on slipping curses into every other sentence when they speak in class, proving how coolly aloof they are. The ones who insist that swears are just "four little letters" that shouldn't offend anyone. Listen up, folks: you're not impressing anyone. You don't seem tough. You don't seem fashionably disdainful. You just seem like an ignoramus. Get over yourselves.

Hey, I'm as guilty as anyone. I swear. In fact, I swear considerably more than what one would call entirely necessary. But lately, I've really been TRYING to keep it in check. I just got fed up of sounding like an idiot. I figure that I already LOOK pretty stupid, so I have no desire to confirm people's beliefs when I talk to them. In fact, I'd even say it's pretty cool if somebody walks away thinking I'm somewhat eloquent.

"It's f**kin' nice outside." Sure, or maybe it's just nice out. Maybe it's beautiful out. Maybe it's the most glorious day in recent memory. But no. "It's f**kin' nice." Somewhat underscores the magnificence of the day, doesn't it?

Is excessive foul language going to hasten the end of civilization? Of course not. But does it make us seem like a bunch of unintelligible cretins? Yep. Does it encourage people to believe in negative stereotypes regarding college students? Yep. And does it offend a lot of people? Yep. Is that much of a sacrifice to start watching our language, especially when in puhlic? Well, I don't think it is. How 'bout you?

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

The Foreign Languages and Literature Department will hold the National French Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi, induction ceremony, May 1 at 4 p.m. in Scanlon Living Room. The students honored are: Nicholas Bergeron, Chistine Hunt, Emily Tampone.

The purpose of this Society is to recognize outstanding scholarship in the Freanch language and its literature, and to increase the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of French-Speaking world.
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UMass professor analyzes sitcom fathers

By Andrew Jennings
Voice Reporter

Dr. Erica Scharrer, Assistant Professor of Communication at UMass-Amherst, gave a presentation on Wednesday, April 11th in the Ely TV Studio to show students how she came to her conclusions on portrayals of sitcom fathers throughout the years.

Scharrer's presentation was a result of research study that she worked with to gain her results. During her presentation, Scharrer focused on two main points: that more recent sitcom fathers are portrayed more foolishly than in past roles and that sitcom fathers from working class families tend to be more foolish no matter what time period the sitcom was televised.

Scharrer used quantitative research to get results from her study on sitcom fathers and their portrayals over time. Scharrer said that she had the help of 11 other people in gaining quantitative results, or data results that are represented in numerical figures.

Scharrer presented her results on an overhead and explained her methods of research to the audience of about 75 people who attended the presentation.

Scharrer explained that she watched 136 episodes of 29 different sitcoms from the 1950's to the 90's to allow for her and her research partners to have a wide view of sitcom fathers to look at. The Munsters, The Addams Family, The Brady Bunch, The Jeffersons, and The Hogan Family were just a few of the sitcoms that Scharrer said she and her research partners watched.

In her research methods, Scharrer used her Sitcom Fathers Study Code Sheet for herself and for her research partners. This sheet asked the research participants to list the program, the decade of program, the fatherís name, the occupation of the father, the occupation of the mother and the (economic) class of the family.

Scharrer explained that she watched 136 episodes of 29 different sitcoms from the 1950's to the 90's to allow for her and her research partners to have a wide view of sitcom fathers to look at.

The sheet also asked participants in the research study to document the number of jokes told involving the father as teller or as the butt of the joke and also to list word pairs, such as wise/foolish, responsible/irresponsible, mature/childish and respect/ridicule. These word pairs included representative numbers from 1 to 5; 1 being the wise or mature extreme and 5 being the foolish or childish extreme.

Scharrer said that she found as a result of her research on sitcom fathers that the foolish fathers usually take unconventional methods to solving problems involving the family. Scharrer also mentioned that her research results led her to believe that the portrayed foolishness of the father depended on the decade and that if the family was of a higher economic class, the sitcom father was more likely to be portrayed as being wiser. Scharrer handed out sample Study Code Sheets to the audience so they could experience how Scharrer and her research partners went through the research process.

Scharrer used The Brady Bunch, Home Improvement and The Simpsons in her presentation as examples of programs that she watched in her research to study the portrayal of sitcom fathers.

Michael Lesanto, a WSC student, commented that he felt that Scharrer tackled the topics showing us that sitcom fathers don't really portray real-life fathers.

Lesanto also mentioned that he found it informative and interesting how Scharrer incorporated her students to validate her data.

Professor Dessim Watson introduced Dr. Scharrer by explaining that this was her first visit to Westfield State College and that she is also co-author of a book called Television. Watson also commented that Scharrer teaches a class at UMass called Social Impact In The Media,

Professor Watson is an assistant professor of Communications in the Ely Building.

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Two thumbs up for Damn Yankees

MTG's musical brightened with creative choreography and song

By Laura Gibson
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State College Musical Theatre Guild's (MTG) presented their spring musical, *Damn Yankees*, last week in Dever Auditorium.

Damn Yankees was co-produced by Trisha Chase and Jen Hines and directed by Danielle Spinale.

The music accompaniment was provided by: Casey Sanderson, Jackie Sturtevant, John Guarnera, Dan Walsh, Fred Secrease, Geoffrey Keily, Dave McGovern, Emily Whittemore, Jonathan Plouffe, Tim Moynihan, and Steve Wawrzyniak.

Damn Yankees is set in the 1950's. The Musical begins in Washington in the home of the Boyd's, played by Jim DePasqua and Katie Farrell. Joe Boyd, a happily married man most likely in his forties sells his soul to the devil, Mr. Applegate, played by Corey Doucette. Joe Boyd then becomes Joe Hardy, played by Dan Cassidy, the leading role. Hardy is a young man in his twenties who plays for the baseball team, the Washington Senators.

Hardy becomes an instant superstar who leads the Senators to their pennant game with the New York Yankees.

However, by the end of the season, Hardy wants to forget about being this huge superstar, and go back to his wife living very happily as Joe Boyd.

Mr. Applegate then assigns one of the souls he owns, Lola, played by Jen Lafluer, to seduce Joe into staying and keeping up his end of the bargain.

In the end, Joe chooses his wife and old life rather than the baseball way and to stay with Lola, but still makes the winning catch in the pennant game to win for the Senators.

The Senators were lead by Coach Van Buren played by James Goyette. The team included Henry, Sohovik, Smokey, Linville, Rocky, Bryan, Bouley, Lowe and Mickey played by James Sullivan, Chris Hoil, Sean Rooney, Angela Oyola, Steve Camara, Jim DePasqua, Dan Cormier, Jen Hines, and Tracy Lynn Cattanach.

Student Brendan Sheean said, "It was a pretty good show. It was all around well done."

"Everyone had amazing voices and it was put together very well," Jessica Taylor, student, said.

There were many dancing numbers throughout the musical. The one I most enjoyed was "Two Lost Souls" starring Joe Hardy and Lola. Lafleur was magnificent with her use of octaves, one being very deep. Her singing with both octaves was awesome. She has much talent, in my eyes. The two danced together very gracefully across stage as they sang.

There was also a tap dancing number which included the Senators that I thought was superbly choreographed. It was very intricate, and entertaining. Choreographer Megan Meehan has great talent.

I really enjoyed the musical. I had never seen *Damn Yankees* performed before, so I was not sure of the story line. The cast, pit, and crew did a great job. The choreography of the numbers was awesome! Two Thumbs up for a job well done!

WSKB Weekly Spotlight

Steve Allison and Kevin Boyko

JED DION
A&E EDITOR

Every Wednesday night from ten o'clock PM to twelve o'clock AM, Westfield State College students can tune into WSKB Radio and hear Kevin Boyko and Steve Allison. These two newcomers to the WSKB family like to call their show "The Steve-o and Boyko Show" and the show ranges in all sorts of different types of music.

"We play a little hit of hardcore, a little bit of metal, some alternative and whatever else we think is fun," said Allison. While Allison, or as he likes to be called "Scuba Steve," tends to play harder stuff such as Ozzy Osborne and Shadows Fall. Boyko goes for the lighter sounds of Mogwai and Weezer.

Boyko and Allison became friends at the beginning of the semester and decided to get a show together. The turnout for Dj positions was so large, they figured if them teamed up it would better their chances for getting a show.

"I have a passion for music and I just wanted to play music on the air," said Allison.

"I thought it would be fun. I wanted to show the greater world that there is other stuff out their besides Dave Matthews," said Boyko.

Besides spinning tunes on the WSKB airwaves, Boyko enjoys running, bowling, art, reading and listening to music. Allison also enjoys listening to music and making his own on guitar. He also enjoys designing webpages and playing video games.

"We're pretty much just like the average college kids, only we play way more video games," said Allison. Allison and Boyko agree that the best video games to play are the Zelda series, the Mario Brothers games and Castlevania.

Being newcomers to WSKB, the duo had to quickly learn how to operate all of WSKB's dated equipment.

"It took us a while to figure out how to play a tape in here," said Allison. Allison also points out that they had trouble working the replacement CD player, as the old one broke mid-semester.

So tune into the show to hear a wide variety of loud and soft music. Other surprises are also thrown in the mix. A Blues Brothers tune can be heard when ever Boyko manages to sneak one past Allison.

"We usually agree on what to play. We've never fought about it. We only fight about how much longer we're going to stay and wait for the next Dj to get here," said Allison.

WSKB Top 30

1. No Intention - Some Assembly Required
2. G-Love & Special Sauce - "unified" single - okeh
3. Nicotine - Desperado - Stomp Records
4. Dropkick Murphys - Sing Loud, Sing Proud - Hellcat
5. Static-X - sampler - Warner Bros.
6. Earth Crisis - Last of the Sane - Victory
7. Les Claypools Frog Brigade - Live Frogs Set 1 - Prawn Song
8. Skrape - Waste - RCA
9. They Might Be Giants - 2001 Radio Sampler #1 - Restless
10. Ska Daddyz - self titled
11. Spooncat! - The American Jiggler - Fish on Toast
12. The Ataris - End is Forever - Kung-fu
13. Me First and the Gimme Gimmes - Blow In The Wind - Fat Wreck Chords
14. Oleander - Unwind - Universal
15. Godhead - 2000 years of human error - posthuman
16. Rammstein - Mutter - Universal
17. V/A - Ozzfest Second Stage Sampler - divine/priority
18. Expansion Union - World Wide Funk - Waxtrax
19. Sepultura - Nation - Roadrunner
20. Mudvayne - Dig - Epic
21. The Union - To Be Good At Something - Ghostmeat
22. Lloyds Hill - Demonstration
23. Frenzal Rhomb - Shut Your Mouth - Fat Wreck Chords
24. The Kingpins - Plan of Action - Stomp Records
25. The Fontanelles - INIT - Alpha Street
26. Idiot Box - Lime Green El Camino - Mp3.com
27. Wally Pleasant - Hoedown - Miranda
28. Monster Magnet - God Says No - A&M
29. V/A - WSC Compilaton: Violation
30. Ryan Adams - Heartbreaker - Bloodshot

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04/01 - Operating with a suspended license, criminal citation issued

- College policy violation, referred to conduct board

04/02 - False fire alarm, unintentional

- Industrial accident, report taken

04/03 - Check person, banned student

04/04 - Malicious destruction, breaking and entering

- False fire alarm, fire extinguisher discharged, referred to conduct board

04/05 - False fire alarm, system malfunction

- Malicious destruction, smashed fog light

- Malicious destruction, vehicle keyed

04/06 - 2 College policy violations, alcohol, referred to conduct board

- Check person, protective custody

04/04 - Disturbance, domestic, parties separated

04/08 - Motor vehicle accident leaving the scene

- 2 Medical emergencies, transport to Noble hospital

04/09- Larceny, theft stolen license plate

04/10 -4 College policy violations, misuse of parking decal, referred to parking control board

-Malicious destruction, vehicle keyed

-Harassment, report taken

-Violation of protective order, harassment

04/11 - 3 Breaking and entering, malicious destruction, larceny, theft in vehicles

-Harassment, report taken

04/12 - Malicious destruction, sinking and plumbing damaged

-Malicious destruction, report taken

-College policy violation (alcohol) trespass notice issued

04/13 - Malicious destruction criminal summons issued

-False fire alarm, system malfunction

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■ All Schedules are posted in Ely outside Rm 231. Please check the schedules DAILY for game times! If you cannot make a game you are scheduled for, you MUST notify the In. office (x5424) immediately! 24 hr. notice for cancelling a game or you will receive a forfeit.

Anyone interested in playing Intramural Field Hockey meet at the turf on Mon. & Wed. nights at 6pm

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Call IM office at x5424 for more information

The Class of 2002

is looking for an Alumni Representative & a Representative to Senate for next year. Call SGA at x5429 for information.

Sports

Senior third baseman Jill Eastley was recently named Softball Player of the Week in the Mass. State Conference. Eastley was hitting a team-high .416 heading into the final week of the season. She also led the team in runs scored (21), RBI (18) and the conference in doubles with 12. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Softball Shuts Out Salem

SALEM - The Westfield State College softball team swept Salem State, 8-0 and 6-0 in conference action on Sunday, April 22.

Freshman Sarah Simmons, a Salem native, tossed a five-hit shutout in the opener; she struck out seven and issued just one walk.

Jill Eastley continued her hitting assault, going 3 for 3 with three runs scored.

In the second game, junior Sarah Kalagher pitched a three-hit shutout, recording five strikeouts and walking one.

The Owls only collected four hits but took advantage of five Salem errors.

Mass. College Sweeps Westfield

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State softball squad dropped a doubleheader to Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts by scores of 4-0 and 6-2 on Tuesday, April 24.

Mass. College improved to 18-11 overall and 9-3 in the Mass. State Conference. The Owls are 6-6 in the conference and 11-19 overall. Westfield would qualify for the conference's postseason playoffs with two victories over Framingham State. The doubleheader was scheduled for this past Saturday.

The top four teams in the eight-team conference qualify for the tournament.

In the opener at North Adams, Westfield only collected four hits, including three by senior center fielder Sue Smith. Losing pitcher Sarah Simmons allowed eight hits, including three doubles, and two earned runs.

In the nightcap, the Owls collected six hits, including two runs on three hits in their final at bat. Losing pitcher Sarah Kalagher and sophomore infielder Meghan Perreault both rapped two singles.

Baseball Splits With MCLA; Hall Fires Four-Hit Shutout

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State College baseball team earned a doubleheader split vs. Western Mass. rival Massachusetts College on Tuesday, April 24. The Owls won the opener, 4-0, and lost the second game, 7-5.

Mass. College improved to 17-12 overall and 9-3 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield is 6-6 in the conference and 7-21 overall. The Owls were still in contention for a berth in the conference's postseason tournament, but they had to sweep Framingham State in a twinbill scheduled for this past Saturday at Westfield State.

In the opener, freshman Nate Hall tossed a four-hit shutout for the Owls. The 6-3 lefty from Searsport, Maine, struck out six and did not walk a batter in the seven-inning game.

The Owls scored three of their four runs in the second inning. Senior Matt Donah had two of Westfield's four hits in the game, a double and a single.

In the second game, Westfield scored three runs in the sixth to close within a run, 5-4, but Mass. College responded with two runs in the home half of the inning.

Sophomore Corey Scafidi slugged a solo homer in the seventh inning for Westfield. Senior thirdbaseman Dan Wenzel was 2-for-4.

Salem Sweeps Westfield State

SALEM - Salem State swept a twinbill from Westfield State by scores of 5-1 and 13-8 on Sunday, April 22.

Salem improved to 12-13 overall and 6-4 in the conference, while Westfield is 6-20 and 5-5 in the league.

Salem's Mike Cornachini was the winning pitching in both games. In the opener, he went the distance, striking out 13 without a walk. His only run allowed was a solo homer by Westfield catcher Josue Zamora.

Cornachini came on in relief in the fifth inning of the second game to pick up the mound win. Westfield scored five runs in the sixth to take an 8-7 lead, but the Vikings crossed the plate six times in the bottom of the sixth.

Zamora was 2 for 4 with three RBI. Aaron Belanger and Dan Wenzel both rapped two singles.

Steve Marcil Named Coach Of Women's Basketball Team

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Westfield State College announces the hiring of Steve Marcil as its new women's basketball head coach.

Marcil was an assistant coach at American International College in Springfield for the past five years. His duties at AIC included recruiting, scouting and working primarily with the offense.

Marcil has worked numerous basketball camps during the summer months, and served as the women's director of the Cape Cod camp. In addition, he was head coach of the Bay State women's open basketball team for two years, leading it to a gold medal in 1997 and a bronze medal in 1998.

Marcil inherits a Westfield State program that has accomplished much success over the past decade, including seven 20-win seasons and seven postseason tournament berths.

"I'm certainly looking forward to the challenge of keeping the (Westfield State) program where it's at and taking it to the next level," said Marcil. "I'm not stepping into a program starting from stratch; I'm stepping into a program that's a proven winner."

The Owls have all but three players returning from this past season's squad that posted a 16-9 record.

"I'm very pleased with the fine nucleus coming back," said Marcil "I'm very impressed with the work ethic and enthusiasm of the team."

The Lee, Mass., native is a 1992 graduate of Westfield State College and played four years of football for the Owls. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in special education at Westfield State.

"It's very special to be coaching at the place where I spent the best four years of my life," said Marcil. "To be able to come back and coach here is an opportunity I never thought I'd get. I'm very excited to get going and get started."

The women's basketball head coach is a part-time position at Westfield State. Marcil is employed full-time as a social studies teacher at The White Oak School in Westfield. He resides in Holyoke.

"Steve Marcil is a very good coach and this will be a very good job for him," said AIC head women's basketball coach Peter Cincella. "He has done everything here at AIC and now it's time for him to move on. He wants to be a head coach and this is a great opportunity for him."

Steve Marcil

Freshman Abbey Laffond of Athol was seeded first with a javelin throw of 122 feet heading into last weekend's conference championships held at Westfield State. Laffond also competed in four other events - shot put, discus, hammer throw, and 100 meter hurdles. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Varsity Sports Spring Banquet
Monday,
May 7, 5:30

Student-Athletes must pick up their tickets by May 3 in the athletics dept., Ely 244

Track and Field Results

Women's Invitational at Connecticut College April 21, 2001

TEAM STANDINGS: Connecticut College 114; Tufts 109; Worcester Polytech 73; Coast Guard 64.5; Bridgewater 58; Rhode Island College 49; Smith 48; Westfield 47.5; Eastern Connecticut 19; Salve Regina 10; U-Mass Dartmouth 9; Roger Williams 8; Bryant 4.

Westfield's Top Finishers:
SECOND: Abbey Laffond, javelin, 36.06 meters
THIRD: Starr Hockenberry, 3000 steeplechase, 12:59.26; Abbey Laffond, discus, 31.28 meters
FOURTH: 4 x 100 relay, 53.62
FIFTH: Jess Silva, 100, 13.56; Vicki Hood, javelin, 30.74; Jess Silve, 200, 27.74
SEVENTH: Erin Rourke, high jump, 1.39 meters; Michaela Blaney, long jump, 4.49 meters; Kristi Lin Popott, 800, 2:34.06; Lis Collins, discus, 29.15 meters.
EIGHTH: Erin Rourke, 100 hurdles, 20.72

Men's Invitational at Connecticut College April 21, 2001

TEAM STANDINGS: Coast Guard 187; Tufts 109; Westfield 87; Bridgewater 66; Worcester Polytech 62; Connecticut College 40; Eastern Connecticut 29; Rhode Island College 20; Hartford, 19; Umass Dartmouth 14; Roger Williams 10; Bryant 8; Gordon 3.

FIRST: Jason Pappas, 3000 steeplechase, 9:56.01; 4 x 100 relay, 43.77; Ryen Fregeau, 100, 11.52; Chris Allie, triple jump, 13.43 meters.
SECOND: Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.68
FOURTH: David Carabin, 100, 11.92; Marco Iannello, 800, 2:00.14; Tom Bousquet, 5000, 15:48.2
FIFTH: Matt Lemaire, 110 hurdles, 16.97; Andy Berron, 1500, 4:18.3
SIXTH: Josh Lewbel, high jump, 1.65 meters; Greg Aucoin, 200, 23.71; David Eaton, 400 hurdles, 59.25

Comics

ACROSS
1 Sci-fi movie
5 Valley
9 Competitor
14 Shiny
15 A little bit
16 Novelist Jong
17 — and crafts
18 Mel Gibson movie
20 Scattered around
22 Malt beverage
23 Director Spike —
24 Store event
25 Pillow covers
27 Bookstore section
30 Pelt
34 Crow's sound
37 Equipment
38 Charles Lamb's pen name
39 Staggered
41 Designs made with bits of stone
44 Zone
45 Piece of insulation
46 — out: use thriftily
47 Magician's rod
48 Stereo speaker
51 "Jack — could eat no fat"
53 Every
56 "Norma —"
59 In one — and out the other
60 Team leader
63 Koala's tree
66 Melody
67 Ghostly
68 Has a snack
69 Movie canine
70 Water chute
71 Eat sparingly
72 Wren's dwelling

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3 Surplus
4 Me
5 Taunt
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10 Fury
11 Glass bottle
12 Tract unit
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21 Evaluate
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26 Mets' stadium
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32 Comedian Gregory
33 Relieve
34 Lobster's appendage
35 Atmosphere
36 Small songbird
40 Louts
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42 Baseballer Mel —
43 Marinate
45 Poker stake
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55 Clues
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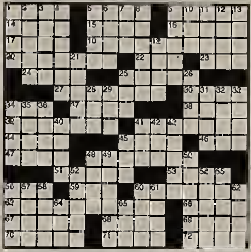

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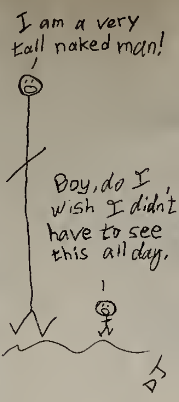
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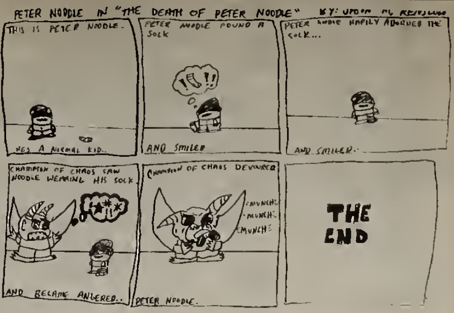
Boy, do I wish I didn't have to see this all day.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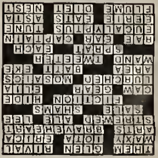
Hollywood executives (et al.) prepare to applaud Jerry Maguire... that is... the Best Picture of the Year... or whoever wins... as long as it's Jerry Maguire



Personals

Who's that Liv Tyler look-a-like? I want that ass!

Stew vs. Borgay for rights to the biter.

MAtt, see what happens when you get a girl, they come right to me. AskLiz. -Foulks

Diana L. from Scanlon 237 wont the Hot Body contest at the Hippodrome.

Chantel, Meg Heather, Jachie, and Kriste, you guys are going down. -The Drink Off Boys

Fitzy, why are there naked pies of you around campus?

To the girl in Lammers with the big attitude and the ^&*$% forehead, stop giving my girlfriend and I dirty looks.

What's up nerds in 103W? Love, your roommate.

'Surivivor' time is quiet time in D37

12 pack puls 2am=pigtime!

Mew, Mew, Mew

Mike Y. is my dad.

Hiiiiiii, how are yoooouuuu???? Good, and yooouuuu????

Liz likes Haverhill Guys, first Matt then Jay. Woody and Mull, you're on deck.

Tara- Max's time is almost up. Who's gonna be your boyfriend next week?

Davis + Montreal =$.30

Blanch vs. Tibmen is like Betty Rubble vs. Joan Jetson.

Who are you kidding, his butt his huge.

Gz's up, Ho's down

Stearl is the Dank!!! -D-Lyf

There's a psycho troll living in the Big Dick.

We identify with Terrence and Phillip because of our herritage.

DMB on myt 20th b-day is gonna be fun, man.

To: Laura and C.G.
Thanks for all your late night talks! (snort) Love, your next door neighbor.

LADY AMG is the illest!!!

Old bagels and furry goats kill mice.

HAppy 23rd Male! Love, Miss Berry

Get crunked for spring weekend!

Spread luv not gossip WSC!!!

She hit me in the junk man!!! What was up with that. That girl has got some major issues.

Even though the friendship is through, now the good times are far and few, you've been my friend, my dog, my ace, no one or nothing could replace. But time moves on and so we have, to bad our friendship could not last. I miss my best-friend. -Love, Holly

Jeroy, it's me and you baby! WHat's up? I'm still waiting.

Much luv to my "big brother" and running partner Aaron. "It's not you, we're just outta shape!"-Luv, Holly

It's mad cold in this place.

Kristi, that astronomy test sucked, didn't it?!?!?!

Scuba, I love you. You have become like a best friend to me...I need one of those these days.

Joey yak is the ladies mack, gives the big girls a heart attack.

Bad girls are the good girls who don't get caught -Fitz

Ban to all U can eat meal plan. Sign up @1B1

Hey Stew, who's the girl with the big butt & forehead?

Life sucks, get a helmet.

Zaid- I'm gonna take your girl!

Coro- We're still waiting for our Midouri

Anyone seen Stearlgirls ghetto booty lately???

Kenny Scanlon Hall West - your hot!

Jeremy, you're a hottie and I'm not gonna lie to ya cause you know, we are on a no-lie basis.

Dave...your pants are too baggy, and Gabe, well, so much for your 21 I.D. You guys make me laugh.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

Plays In Ten

Five Ten-Minute Plays performed by the Theatre Arts Program as a project of the Spring 2001 Directing 2 Class

-Watermelon Boats
Directed by Michael Sakey

-The Interrogation
Directed by A'ndrea Blake

-Lunchtime
Directed by Carrie Marie Janik

-Misreadings
Directed by Christine Blacke

-Precipice
Directed by Amanda Jenkins

May 3, 4 and 5 at 8 pm in the Ely Studio Theatre

Tickets avaliable at the Campus Center Teller Window
Students-$1, Faculty/Staff-$2, General Admission-$3

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Mon 4/30	7:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting	L.A.F.E. Office
	8:00 p.m.	Monday Night Jazz	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "The Perfect Storm" and "Legends of the Drunken Master"	Channels 56&57
Tue 5/1	4:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting	Ely 147
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	SGA Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	7:30 p.m.	Catherine Dower Series: Wind Symphony Spring Concert	Dever Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	LAFE Date Auction	Ely Main Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Movies "Boycott" and "Conspiracy Theory"	Channels 56&57
Wed 5/2	3:30 p.m.	Voice Students of Cheryl Cobb	Dever Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting	SGA Lower Ely
	4:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Interfaith Center
	5:30 p.m.	Weekend Programming Meeting	Call SGA at x5429
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Editor's Note: Dean Martin, please continue a WSC tradition, and allow the 2001 class officers to sit on the stage at graduation. See Page 15.

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The Student Press of Westfield State College

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Survey Says: students would recommend WSC

13% of students surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that DC food is satisfactory

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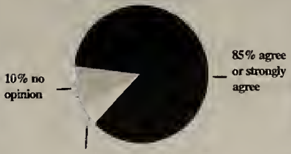

7 in 10 sophomores don't know the president of their class is Jen Prior.

7 in 10 freshman don't know the president of their class is Lindsay Callahan.

By RJ Burgess III
Editor In Chief

A majority of students would recommend attending Westfield State College to their friends and family, although they feel the college could improve in certain areas, according to a recent Campus Voice survey.

Seven in 10, or 71 percent, of students polled said they would recommend the college to acquaintances, while just 10 percent would not.

"I think it's a really friendly place," said Angela LaPierre, a junior and next year's Vice President of Student Programming. "You have so many opportunities to get involved here."

"I believe this to be a positive start," said Michelle Mattie, director of Admissions and Financial Aid. "I would definitely want to know why the 30 percent would not want to recommend WSC so that the college could begin addressing these issues to better serve our students."

Christina Mullin, a freshman, said that she would not recommend WSC to friends or family if they could afford to go somewhere else. "You'd have more options and specialized majors at a private school,"

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Fram. State College to require laptops

By RJ Burgess III &
Meg Farrell
Voice Staff

Starting next year, Framingham State College (FSC) plans to require all freshmen to own wireless computer laptops, and Westfield State College (WSC) may soon follow suit, according to administrators.

Framingham State will become the first to test an unfunded proposal by the Board of Higher Education (BHE) to mandate laptop ownership at all state colleges, reported by the Associated Press (AP). The success of FSC's initiative will likely influence the fate of the broader proposal and of WSC's own adaptation of such measures.

"We think this will make us more competitive and raise the images of what state colleges can do," Helen Heineman, FSC president, recently told the AP.

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-Photo by RJ Burgess III

Boston-based band Dispatch, played for an enthusiastic crowd on the Saturday of Spring Weekend. The full Spring Weekend story is on Page 11.

MCAS may soon be used as entrance exam to state schools

By Adrienne Lamplough
Voice Reporter

In the year 2003, Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System testing, also known as MCAS, may be required of high school students when applying at public colleges in Massachusetts according to the state of higher education to the Associated Press (AP).

The Board of Higher Education is considering a requirement that state schools use MCAS scores when evaluating students for admission. The board will likely decide by fall, said chairman Stephen Teeco to the AP. Teeco said that the MCAS scores will eventually be an important part of admissions, and it is possible the MCAS could become a sort of entrance exam to state schools.

According to the AP, the Board of Higher Education eliminated the role of the SAT in college admissions giving more emphasis *to grades and coursework.* The SAT has been criticized as being biased against females and minorities, while the MCAS has also been said to be harmful to minority students.

"If you give (MCAS) as a criteria to get into college, what are you telling them? You're telling them they're not going to college," said Larry Ward, state coordinator for the Coalition of Authentic Reform of Education to the AP.

According to the Associated Press, it is unclear how using MCAS would affect out-of-state applicants, who don't take the test.

President Frederick Woodward said, "I'm not sure that the MCAS themselves are a good idea, but some sort of evaluation of

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Last Coffee House introduces new VP of Programming

By Jed Dion & Meg Canning
Voice Staff

The last Coffee House of the semester kicked off Wednesday, featuring bands and dancers, but no coffee.

The night introduced the brand new Vice President of Programming Angela LaPierre. LaPierre received a brief lesson on how to run the coffee house, but actually doing it was her real training.

The first performer was Senior Wayne Hsiao. Hsiao improvised on the piano and adding in elements of songs such as "Imagine" by John Lennon.

"I just make up stuff on the spot. I play what I'm feeling," said Hsiao, who has been a part of the Coffee Houses on campus for the last two years. "It went by so fast, I'm kinda sad its over."

Next up was punk rockers Shirts Off In Advance, who true to their name, took off their shirts to play. They entertained the crowd with a new song written the day before and guest vocals by Freshman Steven Ritson. The band's members Rory B. Bellows, Joe Skahan, Greg Marsh, and Matt Tetreault look forward to next year's Battle of the Talents, saying: "We're going to hump our way to the Battle of the Talents first place next year."

So Real took the stage next, offering free CD's to anyone who came up and danced for the bands set.

"This is the last coffee house

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News Editor & senior Meg Farrell says goodbye to WSC in her column, "My final hurrah."

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high school students is necessary. In part, we need to look at how we evaluate students. There is more to one's education that what is seen on one exam."

When asked if out-of-state students should have to take the MCAS, Woodward said, "It depends on which state they come from. For example, New York State has a regency exam. It just depends on which state you come from."

"Any test that is a valid predictor of successfully preparing high school students with a body of knowledge deemed necessary for embarking on a Bacalaurette degree I can easily agree with." Michelle Mattie, Director of Student Administrative Services, said via email "However, according to the experts, that would not be me, MCAS does not seem to be the best test choice. While out-of-state students should be held to the same standards as in-state students, as they are current with the BHE minimum admission standards."

"I don't think that it's a good idea because it could cause a greater drop out rate with high-school students," said sophomore Kate Dolan.

"I don't agree with it [MCAS] because if your not a good test taker it could make it so you don't graduate," said sophomore Meghan Deschamps.

Sophomore Harmonie Arcisz said, " I don't agree with the fact the MCAS only tests on certain subjects, but I don't think that it is bad to test students, it's just bad to make it mandatory."

Westfield State announces addiction counselor program in Worcester

By Public Affairs
Special To The Voice

Westfield State College, in cooperation with AdCare Hospital of Worcester, Inc. is starting a satellite program of their Addiction Counselor Education program.

This one-year certificate program is scheduled one evening a week at AdCare Hospital in Worcester. Although the program is designed to be completed in one year, students have the option of taking a partial course load and extending the program beyond one year. Individual courses may also be taken by those interested in a particular subject area.

This program is designed for people who are interested in alcohol, tobacco and other drug specific education, those interested in a career in addictions treatment, and those working in the field who may wish to seek certification in the future. Dependency treatment service agencies are an important element in our nation's health care delivery system.

The Westfield State College Addiction Counselor Education (ACE) program assists in the professional development of people wanting to be involved
in this important and growing health care service field.

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From the Editor's Desk

Filling Big Shoes

When I was a senior in high school and applying to colleges, I never thought I would go to a state school. Sure, I applied to one out of my nine for financial reasons, but I was confident that I would not have to go there. I was a little conceited in my thinking then. Of course they were good schools, I thought, and my brother went to one, but they were not for me. Little did I know then what lay in store for me.

My first choice was Boston College, mainly for its reputation, but I'll admit a little had to do with the fact that my two best friends were going there. But thanks to the generous award of a $2,000 loan to attend a $30,000 a year school, BC was out of the question. I decided to attend Stonehill College instead, which was a small college near Boston with a pretty good reputation, since they offered me the best financial package. I arrived at Stonehill full of apprehension. After my orientation during the summer, I had doubts if this was the right school for me. My doubts proved to be true, and after a semester at Stonehill I knew I'd had enough. The only problem was that if I transferred in the middle of the year, I would not get the needed financial aid to attend another private school. I knew I didn't want to stay another semester at Stonehill, and I definitely knew I would not go to UMass since its size alone scared me. It was decided that I would transfer to a state college.

I don't know why I chose Westfield State over the other state colleges. I knew it had a much nicer campus than the others, that it had the majors I wanted, and I had a friend who had transferred to Westfield and said that the Communications Department was excellent. Those were pretty much my reasons. To me, a state school was nothing special. I never expected what would happen when I arrived here.

I came to Westfield in the Spring of 1999. I was assigned to Lammers Hall, but my friends from home were in Scanlon, so I spent much of my time there. I am a quiet person by nature, and this combined with the fact that I wasn't around much, led to some of my neighbors coming to the conclusion that I was a snob from Stonehill. Luckily, I began to get to know some of my Lammers neighbors, and I discredited the snob theory (I think) to most of them. Getting to know these people was the best thing I've done at Westfield. It is the people I met that first semester that would later have the most influence on me.

Since my first semester here, my opinions about state colleges changed dramatically. I feel that I'm getting more out of my time here than I would ever have at Boston College. My friends that do go there just go to class, work, study, and hang out. They haven't gotten involved at all since it is a larger school, and I have come to discover that getting involved in college makes a world of a difference.

I've discovered that Westfield State is great not only because of the many wonderful professors I've met and had class with, and not only because of the challenging classes one can take at a state college, and not only because of the great variety of people you can find here, but because it offers students a chance to be a part of the college. I didn't jump on this chance when I first got here, but I'm glad that the people I've met here encouraged me to do so, because it has greatly changed my experiences here at Westfield.

I have to say that the most satisfying thing I've been involved with here on campus is The Campus Voice. This newspaper has given me an opportunity to inform students about issues on campus, meet people I wouldn't have otherwise, and be a part of something that matters. That is why I am so proud to say that I will be the Editor in Chief of this student newspaper next year.

I believe the Campus Voice really does represent some of the best things that can come out of this college. With limited funding and staff, it has flourished into, what I consider, one of the better college newspapers I have seen. And while I have great respect for Bobb, Justin, and Jonah and all that they have done for the Voice, I am happy to say that the women are finally taking over the newspaper. I will be the first female Editor in Chief in a number of years, and, as Maddy Cahill said when I told her the news, "Yeah Women!"

I'm looking forward to next year with both excitement and nervousness. I hope to continue the tradition that has begun of having the Campus Voice be both the voice of the students and the watchdog of the administration. I know I'm following in large and impressive footsteps, but I'm confident that the job we put so much hard work into in our little, windowless office will continue to produce news of the best quality.

Laura Cyr, Editor in Chief

The Campus Voice

The Voice will be looking for new staff members next semester, so look out for General Interest Meeting signs or call 572-5431.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Laptops

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"It's an item for the future, and we are definitely interested," said WSC President Frederick Woodward. "We instituted a pilot study two and a half years ago with the business department to look at if we needed a program."

According to the AP, the BHE approved a $123 million program in October to mandate laptops at all state schools, saying the requirement would improve students' high-tech skills and give the poor better access to technology. However, the Massachusetts legislature must approve the proposal.

Currently about 40 colleges nationwide require laptops, reported the AP, but most of those schools are private, and no statewide system for public higher education requires computers for all its students.

Despite Woodward's support for the proposal, there are some in the college community who question the implementation of such a requirement.

"It makes no sense to require laptops, the most expensive kind of computer, when most students come to campus with one, or have access to one in the labs anyway," said Michelle Mattie, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. "There's a safety issue here too," Mattie added. "Laptops are so much easier to steal, and we can't prevent that."

> **"We will definitely use them in classrooms here. In the future, laptops will be an intrical part of learning here."**
>
> *-President Frederick Woodward*

"There are plenty of computers on campus. We don't need laptops for access," said Vin Rizzo, a junior at WSC. "Maybe instead the school should provide more computer labs."

According to Professor Robert McGuigan of the Math Department, it's a complicated issue. "It would be good because everyone could use the same software, and we could eliminate labs. But it's a huge expense for students," said McGuigan. "I wouldn't want to have to buy one."

The AP reported that in the fall of 2002,,FSC plans to sell laptops for about $2000 to its 600 freshmen, or have them purchase computers from other sources. The college said it might provide grants and low interest loans for the computers that will cost more than the cost of a year's tuition at any state college.

President Woodward said that if such a program was initiated at WSC, the college may be able to provide Pell Grants to help with the costs.

"I am concerned that they won't put in a laptop expense, but we can we can work something out with individual students on a need basis," said Mattie.

According to the AP, FSC plans to put its laptop order out to bid, and require all students to own one by 2005.

"We will definitely use them in classrooms here," said Woodward. "In the future, laptops will be an intrical part of learning here."

Coffee

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of the year and we're pumped," said Kristin Fehlau as the band got ready to play. The band has played many of the Coffee Houses this semester, this one being bass player Brian Gorman's last show.

At around 9:30 p.m., Coffee House veteran Bob Antonelli took the stage with Jen LaFleur. Antonelli, who graduated last year, came back to perform once more with LaFleur for her last Coffee House. The duo performed the first song they ever did together. Next they performed a cover of Mr. Big's "Be With You" that had the audience clapping along. The duo's performance ended with an original written about leaving.

The Elements Crew took the floor changing gears from bands to dancers. After a farewell to Crew member Shawn Davis, the crew started their routine.

"This has been a pretty good show, but there aren't a whole lot of people here. I think a lot of people are busy studying for finals," said Junior Glenn Daluz. Some people even brought their work to the performance.

"We're just going over our astronomy notes between bands," said Sophomore Chris Santini, who, with a friend, had papers and books spread out over a table.

Lisa Lawrence performed an acoustic set next with friends Dan Walsh and Matthew McCarthy. McCarthy played the bongo drums for one song and Walsh played saxophone for both. Another acoustic performance followed with Mike Lesanto on guitar and vocals and Angela Fiorentino on percussion. The duo performed three songs, one of them a cover of the Bob Dylan song "Heaven's Door."

"I felt very caffeinated, I had fun, and it was Angela's first time being here," Lesanto said.

Despite the small numbers in the crowd and the lack of coffee, Vice President of Programming Angela LaPierre said, "I think it ran pretty smooth. It was very stressful though." The Coffee House will resume next year under the leadership of LaPierre.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Top: Senior Jen Lafleur and WSC graduate Bob Antonelli perform at their last coffehouse. Bottom: Dan Walsh joins Lisa Lawrence on stage.

Voice of The Week

Lindsay Callahan

POSITION AT WSC: PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS OF 2004

HOMETOWN: FRANKLIN, MA

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YEARS AT WSC: 1

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LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT WSC: 8:05 AT 333

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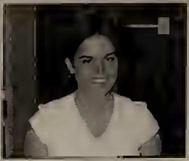

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POLITICAL SCIENCE
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Survey

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said Mullin.

Some students said they like the small school atmosphere. "It's more personal than a big school," said LaPierre.

The Campus Voice survey was taken by 350 students from April 19 to April 25. The survey was first published in the Voice, and then staff members gathered the rest from students.

Dining Commons

Approximately seven in 10 students surveyed disagreed or strongly disagreed that the food in the Dining Commons was satisfactory.

"The food is gross," said Junior Gretchen Kneutson. "I'm tired of having pasta and salad every single day."

Just one in 10 students surveyed said the food was satisfactory.

"We feed over 150 people within 15 minutes, so the food needs to be prepared ahead of time, making the quality not as good as if it was prepared in front of you," said Peter Stetson, director of the Dining Commons. "We are constantly changing our menu trying to suit everyone."

According to Stetson, students can attend food committee meetings through SGA. "We don't know what to change if we don't get feedback," said Stetson. "We are always looking for constructive criticism. If we don't get any, then we don't change anything."

Stetson added that the new Dining Commons renovations, scheduled to take place this summer, estimated at about $500,000, should improve the quality of the food. "After the new renovations, there will be no restraints on facilities, and there will be more entrees and meals to order," said Stetson.

Library Hours

The survey revealed nine in10 juniors and seniors agreed or strongly agreed that the library should be open until midnight from Sunday through Thursday, as are libraries at state colleges such as Framingham, Fitchburg, Salem, and Bridgewater.

Just five percent of students surveyed said the library hours are currently satisfactory.

Over half of the students would not recognize President Woodward in a crowd.

President Frederick Woodward said that the administration has surveyed library usage in the past and that they have adapted the hours to meet those needs. He added that the other state colleges must have had surveys that showed students would use the library during those hours. "It makes little sense to have the library open if no one is there," said Woodward.

"I don't know who Woodward's surveying year after year, but our poll clearly shows an overwhelming majority of students are in favor of keeping the library open until midnight," said Voice Assistant Editor Kevin Buckingham. "If the administration really cares about students' opinions, they will change the library hours."

After multiple attempts by Voice reporters, Hal Gibson, director of the library, could not be reached for comment.

"I think it should be open until 2 a.m.," said senior Justin Lott. "I think students would go to the library to study later."

According to LaPierre, students are up that late studying. "If the library was open late, I wouldn't have to worry about the partying in the dorms," said LaPierre.

SGA

Just one in five students surveyed said the Student Government Association (SGA) represents students' opinions to the best of their abilities. 73 percent of students did not know the president of SGA was senior Mandy Miranda, while seven in10 did not know who the president of their class was. "Are we supposed to?" asked one student.

"I think SGA represents the students, but it's only a small portion of the students," said sophomore Kelly Clarke. "I don't think a lot of voices get heard because of lack of knowledge or lack of interest."

Miranda said she was upset that students did not know who she was because SGA goes out of their way to introduce themselves and let everyone know who they are. "I think we've made real efforts this year above and beyond."

"I think there's more (SGA) could do besides just SGA meetings," said Lott.

Just eight percent of students surveyed said SGA should not take a stand in the recent contract dispute between state college faculty and the Board of Higher Education (BHE), while seven in 10 students supported the faculty. An agreement between the faculty union and the BHE was recently made after more than three years of negotiations.

"With the experience I've had with my professors, it seems that they deserve a lot more than they're getting," said Sarah Cormier, a junior.

"I think (SGA) needed to make effective their political role on campus by getting involved in the dispute," said sophomore Amy Geeleher, one of a majority of students who felt SGA should have taken a stand in supporting the faculty.

7 in 10 students said they do not know Mandy Miranda is the President of SGA.

"I think right now it is a null issue," said Miranda. "A lot of students did feel that we shouldn't get involved. We are a neutral body."

When Voice reporter Adrienne Lamplough asked Miranda if SGA's neutral stance regarding the contract dispute accurately reflected the opinions of WSC students, Miranda replied, "Absolutely, I've been on SGA for four years."

"I have no idea where they stand on the issue," said Lott. "No one ever asked me how I felt about it."

Faculty

Three in five students said that the faculty were adequately preparing them for a career in the "real world".

"The faculty always relate, classwork to real life," said LaPierre.

President Woodward

Just over half the students surveyed said they would not recognize Woodward in a crowd.

"I don't know who he is," said Nelson Pives, a Sophomore. One student asked, "Is he the guy with the eyepatch?" Another asked the Voice staff members if it was a trick question: "Are one of you guys President Woodward?"

"If half the students on campus know who I am that can be very significant," said Woodward. "It can go as the glass is half full or half empty. Although, there is always more one can do."

Woodward said that on other campuses, there might be even fewer students who know who the president is. He added that he attends SGA meetings and goes to all the social events he is invited to.

The Campus Voice

Three out of four students surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that the Campus Voice does a satisfactory job reporting the news on the WSC campus.

"I think the surveys proof that all of our hard work does not go to waste," said junior Laura Cyr, assistant editor for the Voice and next year's editor in chief. "I think we did an excellent job this year, and I hope to improve on our accomplishments next year."

Editor's Note: Many Voice Staff members contributed to this story including Kevin Buckingham, Adrienne Lamplaugh, Megan Canning, Micbelle Digioia, Laura Cyr, Meg Farrell, Kay Saltmarsh, Elisa Shea, Jessica Norden, Laura Gibson, Jackie Sturtevant, and Courtney Brooks.

Harvard sit-in for campus workers stretches to 2 weeks

BY ELIZABETH MEHREN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Day 14 and counting: With the mid-day temperature hitting 90 degrees Wednesday, 22-year-old Brent Zettel leaned out the window of the Harvard University administration building.Standing outside, his government professor inquired, "Got everything you need? Books? Class outlines? Deodorant?"

The longest sit-in in Harvard history reached the two-week mark Wednesday, with three dozen students camped out in Massachusetts Hall to demand higher wages for university workers.

The students vow to continue their occupation until Harvard agrees to pay a "living wage" of $10.25 an hour to janitors, dining hall workers and others.

"There's a lot of people in our community that are suffering." Zettel said. "If we won't ask for this injustice to be fixed, we're complicit."

Noting that the university is the city's largest employer, protesters say as many as 2,000 Harvard employees are paid what they call poverty wages. The university rejoins that the number of lower-wage service workers is closer to 400.

Harvard officials further insist that employee compensation packages are the product of collective bargaining, and include benefits such as the right to attend certain university classes.

Zettel, a senior from Poway, Calif., said he is unimpressed by such arguments from an institution with a $19-billion endowment. He wonders if workers "holding down three jobs to support their families" really will avail themselves of free museum passes, another benefit the administration touts.

> **"There's a lot of people in our community that are suffering. If we won't ask for this injustice to be fixed, we're complicit."**
>
> *-Brent Zettel*
> *Harvard Student*

And so the standoff continues. City and campus police keep visitors about three feet back from the red-brick administration building, erected in 1720 at the nation's oldest university. Only boxes of food, medical supplies and essentials such as toothpaste and deodorant are allowed in. Any protester who leaves cannot re-enter, and the group inside has shrunk from more than 50 students to its present size. Students inside are sleeping on the floor, just steps from Harvard President Neil Rudenstine's first-floor office, using bathroom sinks to shampoo their hair and wash up.

Directly in front of Massachusetts Hall, a tent city has sprung up in Harvard Yard. Sign-up sheets invite students to commit to periods when they will sleep in the tents. Salsa music blasts from huge speakers, making for a festive atmosphere. Giant banners hang from trees and buildings, including a poster listing prominent supporters such as actors Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich.

Protesters and university officials say they are surprised the demonstration has gone on so long. Harvard spokesman Joe Wrinn said springtime protests are common on campus, but that this one is unusual because students have taken over a building for so long. He said the school has no plans to force the students out.

"The last thing we want if we can do anything about it is to have our students harmed," said Wrinn, making a noontime check of the situation.

But momentum appears to be growing. Hundreds of faculty members have chorused support, and some have even moved classes to the lawn outside University Hall so protesters can take part.

The Web site of the Progressive Student Labor Movement is updated to show the days, hours and minutes of occupation, and lists daily activities associated with the protest. AFL-CIO President John Sweeney is among union officials who have voiced support, although earlier in the week, a local labor group urged protesters to give up so negotiations could resume.

In Wednesday's evening rush hour, marchers supporting the sit-in disrupted Cambridge traffic with a parade down a city thoroughfare.

The protesters contend that many employees are paid as little as $7.50 per hour, and that certain service workers earn $6.50 an hour. The university counters that the lowest wage paid to any regular Harvard employee is $8.05 per hour, and that the salary package actually totals $10.63 an hour when benefits are considered.

"Harvard really has handled this poorly, and it got out of their control," said Amy Offner, a 21-year-old senior from Sudbury, Mass., one of about 100 students who have spent the past 2-1/2 years organizing the living wage campaign here.

Offner said the group, not affiliated with other living wage efforts around the country, did not start out with a plan to take over the building where Rudenstine has his office. With a loose coalition of students, university workers and some administration officials, protesters "tried to use every avenue possible" to sway Harvard, Offner said, "always with a single demand: $10.25 per hour."

In a "message to students" sent by e-mail, undergraduate Dean Harry R. Lewis expressed concern about security within Harvard Yard. Lewis also said some students living in dorms around the yard have complained about noise and disruption.

The school's "reading period", 10 days with no classes in advance of final exams, begins Saturday, and Lewis asked pmtesters to end their "noisy demonstrations" by then.

But senior Jane Martin, a 21-year-old from Cincinnati, leaned out a window of Massachusetts Hall to say she was prepared to hold ground "for as long as it takes."

300 Penn State students stage sit-in to protest racist threats

BY MICHAEL A. FLETCHER
THE WASHINGTON POST

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - The first threats came via e-mail more than a year ago, racist insults spewed at 61 high-achieving minority students at Penn State University. Last fall, hateful letters were sent to three black students and an African-American member of the board of trustees.

Soon, there was a second round of letters, one warning the university's most visible African-American student leader, LaKeisha Wolf, that her time was "up." Late last month, the threats became even more pointed.

"Don't you realize that I could have killed you 10 times by now, your monkey boy bodyguards notwithstanding," said the letter to Wolf, president of the university's Black Caucus. It added that authorities should scour Mount Nittany, which overlooks the Penn State campus here, for the body of a young black man.

On a campus where even the president admits that racial incidents are not uncommon, the latest round of hate mail prompted a multiracial group of 300 students to stage a sit-in in the student union April 24. They remained there as of Tuesday, angry with what they called the university's lackadaisical response to the situation.

Three days earlier, 26 students were arrested in front of 40,000 fans when they interrupted the annual Blue-White football scrimmage to call attention to the racial problems on campus.

"When you read the letters, you hear the very same sentiments that you hear around here every single day," said Wolf, who was given a 24-hour guard by the university. "We realize that this is a problem of ignorance that the university must address."

In a development that has only added to the tension, a woman walking her dog discovered the body of a black man on a roadside in Bradford County, about 100 miles from here, after three days of police searches of Mount Nittany came up empty. Last Friday, the body of a second black man, a 38-year-old New Yorker, was found in Centre County, about 20 miles from campus.

Police and university officials say neither victim has any connection with Penn State or the mailed threats. State police and the FBI continue to investigate the threats, which they say have yielded few clues beyond the postmark from a huge mail processing facility in Altoona, Pa.

Students say that even before the current crisis, slights, insults and even assaults directed at black and other minority students were commonplace.

Earlier this year, assailants pelted a group of black students with rocks from the roof of a building on campus. Students insist that the incident was racial, though university officials say a black student was among the three assailants.

Black students say they have been shut out of fraternity parties by hostile white hosts who said black students are not allowed. Others complain that they are forced to endure the grumbling of white students who seem perplexed, and even angered, by their grievances.

"The biggest problem we have at the university is not as much the highly visible incidents where a crime has been committed, such as with these threats," said University President Graham B. Spanier, who heads a campus where 3.6 percent of the 41,000 students are black. "We have in a given year hundreds of incidents where people are making racist comments, being insensitive or telling racist jokes.

"These are not necessarily the kinds of things that would add up to a hate crime, but for a minority student, they add up and create a sense of exclusion and hostility."

Many of the hate letters sent to students also make reference to Penn State's football team, a traditional powerhouse that last year suffered its first losing season in decades. Students say it is not unusual for black players to date white women, something that stokes the anger of some whites.

Several football players have received hate letters, according to university officials.

Last week, a black music student received two death threats: one left at his school and another slipped under the door of his apartment.

The threats have added to a sense of isolation that black students say is fostered by the university's location in central Pennsylvania's Happy Valley, a bucolic region that is overwhelmingly white and largely peaceful, but one that is also considered a hotbed of organized hate group activity. Spanier, who is Jewish, says he has received anti-Semitic mail during his six years at the helm of the university.

"Some of it is vile," he said. "Our society is still grappling with racism, and universities are microcosms of the larger society."

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Don't Call Me Baby

KATHERINE MANNING

This week I planned on discussing the income gap in the United States and how, as many of you may know, 20% of Americans now own 80% of the wealth in this country. It is one of the many social injustices that we as young people are aware of yet choose to do nothing about it, partly resulting from the fact that you may not know how to change such a thing. Therefore, I have actually chosen this as the focus of my final article. To discuss how people can get involved in social reform.

Social reform can be done in many ways. In fact, I am doing it at this very moment because part of it is done through being vocal or by publicizing societal criticism. With sociology being my main focus in my studies, I consider myself to be a conflict theorist and therefore view some of our problems as a result of the power elite in society trying to keep the less powerful people in their place. Those people are, of course, the oppressed in our culture. So far, in efforts to help bring about social reform, I have joined various organizations, written this "feminist theory" column, and plan to attend Columbia University in the fall where I will pursue a master in social work and ultimately get into some form of law. All of the things I have just mentioned have one thing in common, which is the ultimate pursuit of social justice.(Depending on what kind of law one does of course.) I suppose I feel that it may be my calling, as so many people choose to remain silent over many issues. The only way to combat silence is through, of course, the opposite, and that is in fact the true root of social reform.

But what about those people out there that may have some of their own concerns about society? Perhaps it is racism, or the economic gap, or drugs/alcohol and their relationship to the failures of the criminal justice system to prohibit many of our problems. (Chris, you are actually a social reformist also-this one's for you.) One way of protesting and bringing about change for many is simply by being here at school and getting an education behind yourself, yielding prestige and believability which in turn can lead to conscious awareness towards the public about things that call for change. You may not realize it now being so young, but each and every one of us have the power to be heard and since we have that privilege as Americans, we should undoubtedly exercise to the best of our abilities for the greater good of our country.

Personally, my area of social reform so far has been interrelated with women's studies and the way sociology can help us understand much of the dilemmas women face today. These issues have been fear of violence, the media and eating disorders, the abortion controversy and the consequences it in it of itself brings, sexual discrimination and other things that are designed to keep a woman in her place. I have, of course, other concerns regarding social reform, but I chose this as a focus because we are witnessing the feminist movement taking a backslide as more baby boomers move into retired, passive positions and a somewhat ill-informed generation simultaneously moves in while losing sight of what was once fought for. However, whatever your belief may be or you see as a threat to society's well being, get out there and do something about it because it starts now! Knowledge is power and power can help those who are oppressed. Use it to your advantage instead of merely chasing down money and your own pursuit of happiness. The only other alternative is to sit back and watch history repeat itself. But then again, the choice is yours.

K. Manning is a Voice Columnist

Criminal Justice Department notes second Professor is ill

Letter to the editor -

We read of the fine tribute that was paid to Professor Edwin Ahar, Jr. in the Monday April 9. 2000 issue. Professor Abar is obviously an excellent educator, an excellent representative of Westfield State College and a dear friend to all of us that know him in the Criminal Justice Department. We join you and all others in wishing him a full and speeding recovery.

We would, however, care to point out that one of our own in the Criminal Justice Department has also been stricken with a potentially life threatening medical malady. Professor Joseph Hanrahan has been hospitalized repeatedly both here and in New York City since mid October of 2000. Professor Hanrahan, although still under direct medical care, is currently recuperating at his home and plans to resume his duties as soon as possible.

-Faculty and Staff Center for the Study of Criminal Justice Westfield State College

The Cut

CHRIS WARD

This guy comes running into the house yelling "Pack your bags, honey. I've just won the lottery!" "How wonderful!" she answered, "Should I pack for the mountains or for the ocean?" "I don't give a damn," he said, "Just get the hell out."

Is it really over? Has my junior year ended? (Actually, no, it'll take a few classes this summer to be a senior next year.) It's been a pleasure and a hell of a good time writing this column for you guys. I've also enjoyed all of the feedback, both good and bad....hell, I'm just happy it's being read. I don't know about you but I need SOMETHING on the can...I've especially enjoyed giving some liberal sacred cows a little hoof in mouth.

Will Ticketmaster develop carpal tunnel? Will even one lounge not be used as housing next year as a result of losing the suites? Those answers and more next year.

If you remember nothing else of a political nature that I've said this year, please remember that the lifeblood of liberalism is perpetually unattainable goals and collective short memories. Oh, also that Margaret Sanger advocated the forced sterilization of various ethnic and sexual minority groups in her book "Breeding the Thoroughbred" (But you probably learned that in Women's Studies, right?) On the subject of Spring Weekend, I'd like to thank the police officers of the various departments present for the respect that they gave, with rare exception, to the student body of this campus. You stepped in when appropriate and stepped back when possible, and things were pretty much as "loose." as they could have been on this campus while still maintaining order.

On the subject of thanks, I'm going to finish out "The Cut" on a positive note by offering some due gratitude: Barbara Hand, you are understaffed and underpaid but definitely not underloved by those savvy enough to realize that you wipe the noses and tie the shoes of students and faculty alike. To the various departments of this campus, especially 333 and Res. Life, I called it as I saw it, and in making my mistakes, I learned better HOW to "see it" and to get it straight. I've apologized where I felt it appropriate, retracted errors of fact, and stood resolutely by the rest. I thank you for the journalistic opportunities you've presented me with, for better and for worse (comments in poor taste notwithstanding).

Next is my Editor-in-Chief, on whose fine team I've proudly served in various capacities this year. I've come to better understand my abilities and the limits thereof in working on this paper, both of which he accepted with grace and a casual strength that I'm sure will see him through a life of success, in whichever terms he chooses to define that success. Fair winds and following seas, Bobb.

Marta, our maintainer, you are the bomb. I would have killed us in our sleep long ago. Citrus cleaner fumes displace oxygen, it could have easily looked like an accident...

Finally there is Maggie Smith. What a privilege it was this year to watch you work. You've permanently raised the bar of campus programming through natural ability (as well as perpetual motion) and my suggestion is that, in recognition of that legacy of excellence in programming, all future CAB coffeehouses be referred to as "Maggie's Coffeehouse." This proposal will be offered again formally before SGA in September. To the rest of the student body, I wish a safe and prosperous summer. I also humbly suggest that you find the time to actually relax.

Money may be the unfortunate linchpin of our lives but the true currency is our ability to take a step outside of circumstance... and possibly even find the occasion to chuckle. Will Ticketmaster develop carpal tunnel? Will the 1st floor Davis bathrooms actually be cleaned? Will human remains be discovered in the breakfast steaks? Will even one lounge not be used as housing next year as a result of losing the suites? Those answers and more next year...but until then I'm out Peace and Balance.

C. Ward is a Voice Columnist

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A Day in the Life

ANGELA LAPIERRE

The school year is almost over and it will be the end of a great semester in which I got my creative juices flowing by writing this column. And the best part of it is that people actually read it! Who knew that little ol' me would become a published columnist? (Okay, so it's at Westfield State College, not the New York Times, but I'm still proud of my accomplishment.) I will definitely miss writing my column each week and I hope to bring it back next year for all of you to enjoy.

It's finally dawned on me that I'm almost to the midpoint of my collegiate career here at Westfield State College. (I've just gotta get through finals without pulling all my hair out...) I most certainly couldn't have gotten through the past 2 years without thanking some very special people in my life.

First and foremost, I've gotta thank my mom and dad for being the best parents I could have asked for. They've been extremely supportive in everything that I've done here at WSC. They've been understanding when I couldn't come up with the money for my car payments and they've temporarily loaned me the cash more than once. (As a matter of fact, I now owe them $400...) I was having an extremely rough time right after Spring Break and my mother drove 2 and a half hours to make sure I was okay and to offer her support. When I ran for Vice President of Programming, she took time out of her lunch break to make 200 copies of campaign posters. As for my dad, he's always made me laugh, even at times when I didn't want to. He even took a second job to help me pay for college. Basically, my parents are really great and I just want to thank them for being there for the good times and the bad over the past 19 (almost 20) years.

Secondly, I want to thank my grandmother. She may have died 4 years ago, but she's still a powerful influence over my life. Through her hard work and determination, she inspired me to pursue a career in psychology and taught me my work ethic that has helped me in the things I have succeeded in. I know that deep down she's looking down on me from heaven with a smile on her face.

Thirdly, I want to thank my boyfriend Mike. He is the sweetest, most caring person I have ever met. He has helped me keep my head straight and has been a good shoulder to cry on. He has never lost faith in me and continues to be my # 1 cheerleader.

Next I want to thank my friend Melissa who has provided a female perspective in a circle of friends with testosterone. She's always made me laugh and has always been in my cheering section over the past 2 years. I'm looking forward to living with her next year and sharing in some more crazy experiences. (The world's tackiest dorm room will be in 182 Courtney Hall next year. Come check it out!)

I also want to thank another member of my cheering section and WAW's (my floor hockey team) # I fan, "Shocka." Thanks for coming to all of the games and going nuts rooting for us. Double thanks for all your help with my "Mike problems" and my campaign.

In addition, I want to thank the people who voted for me in the elections because without your faith in me, I wouldn't have won the election. (Woo woo!!) Stay tuned for a year filled with some awesome programming.

Finally, I want to thank the people who have read my column over the past semester. You guys were the encouragement I needed when I didn't feel like writing or during the times I felt skeptical about my writing ability.

Well, I guess that's it. Hopefully I'll see you all again next year. I hope everybody gets through finals in one piece and has a terrific summer.

A. LaPierre is a Voice Columnist

Life (according to me).

JON SEWELL

For a week or so, I've been trying to come up with a good subject for this, my last column of the year. I thought that maybe I'd write a little commentary on the appropriateness of cell phones ringing in the middle of class. Or maybe explore the motives of those ultra witty intellectuals who leave such original graffiti as "4:20 Rulz!" on the walls of the bathroom stalls. But, instead, I decided to go out on a somewhat brighter note. See, I'm not graduating, but a lot of my very good friends are. I'm going to miss them a lot this coming year. And I'd like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to them.

Now, I'm confronted with another dilemma. How do I go about doing this? My first instinct was to just start listing people's names, and write each of them some kind of little message. This idea was promptly dismissed, however. For one thing, there are a whole lot of people who have touched me over the past four years, and I have two double spaced pages with which to address them all. It ain't happening. Another problem would be my tendency towards dumb. The fact is, I'd probably forget a couple people. And finally, I realized that to make a big list of names, and try to think up something witty for each, and to worry if I forgot about someone...man, that's just not ME at all.

I think they realize that no matter where I am, no matter what I'm doing, no matter what time of the night it is, they can always show up at my door if they need anything.

See, I've tried to live my life, with varying degrees of success, so that all of my family and friends KNOW that they are important to me. I'm not the kind of person that holds onto cards and notes. Nor am I very good at sending them. I don't really take any pictures. I don't have any scrapbooks chronicling my college experience. I don't know...I'm just not into that sort of "stuff." Hey, sometimes I wish I had some pictures to show my family back home. But it's just not that important to me.

I think my friends realize, however, that while I'm not the most sentimental guy when it comes to material representations of friendship, the friendships themselves are my most treasured gift. I think they realize that there were many times at which I wanted to just drop out, and they were what kept me coming back. I think they realize that no matter where I am, no matter what I'm doing, no matter what time of the night it is, they can always show up at my door if they need anything. Why? Because they have proven to me, time and again, that I can expect the same help, the same acceptance, and the same love from them.

It's funny. There are some people out there, who I almost never hang out with. There are a couple that I've barely even SEEN this year. In fact, I'm thinking of a couple in particular that I used to work as an RA with. Like I said, I hardly ever see them. But, whether they know it or not, they made a difference on my time spent here. And I know that I could depend on them. I know that if I had just gotten up and left one of those days, they would have actually noticed that I was gone. They may have even cared! To them, I want to apologize for not being around more often. But I promise you this: I WILL be here if you should ever need me.

So, I guess I want to thank all those friends that I was an RA with. Those that I was an RA for. Those that I was an Orientation Leader with. Those that I've had class with, or that I've hung out with. Those that I've worked out with, or sparred against, or engaged in free-for-all wrestling matches with. Those that I played hoops with, or Frisbee with, or guitar with. Those whom I've hit the bars with, and those with whom I've stayed up all night, talking about our fears, hopes, and loves. Those that I went to high school with (stupid shoes...), and those that I've only met this year. Those that were there for me in dark times, and those who shared their dark times with me. I want to thank those who I've seen cry, who've seen me cry, those who I've loved, and those who I've been in love with. Each and every one of you has taught me something, and I thank you all for that gift. I don't often say it, but I love you. And I'll miss you. And congratulations.

As for the rest of you, those who'll be trudging along through another year with me, I look forward to more good times. I'll be in Apartment 3D2 next year, so stop on by. Until then, have a great summer, and take care of yourselves. I'll see you next September.

Oh, and for John and Paul: "What?? No Bud??"

J. Sewell is a Voice Columnist

Kay's last thoughts

KAY SALTMARSH

As I sit here and write this final piece for the Campus Voice, I am thinking of a place I have been to countless times on this campus. This place is where I sit or sometimes stand as I look out the window from the Ely building on to the campus green. I don't know exactly why, but when I look out this window, it makes me think more clearly and breathe a little easier.

Now, as I think about why I'm able to find comfort from looking out on to the campus green, I realize I could always simply see all the possibilities and opportunities Westfield State College has. This also brings me to the realization that in just a few weeks I will be graduating on that campus green.

It's ironic how the place I have found such comfort in, is the exact place I will end one incredible and long journey of my life as a student. It's strange how one minute I'm a student and then my name is called and I receive my degree and BAM it's done....my life as a student is over. (At least until I go on to graduate school, which I plan to do.)

It makes me sad to think of this chapter in my life as an ending. So I will try to think of it as a beginning. It's confusing and scary to think of myself as a graduate because I know that I am good at being a student. I know I will be good at my career, once I am given the opportunity to find a job where I can use all the skills that I've developed from my time as a student.

I have only been at WSC for two years, while some of you will have been here for four years. I can honestly say I am glad I made the choice to attend this college. I have learned so very much from some of the most caring instructors I have met in my life. I wish I could thank each one of them individually but I have a feeling they all know who they are.

The instructors at WSC have always encouraged me to strive as a student and as a person. At times it's very difficult to do all the work that has to be done, but so far I've managed to hang in there with the help of my family and friends as well as my instructors. I am thankful for all the support I have received throughout my college years.

I cannot even begin to express how much my life as a student has meant to me. I like school and for anyone who gets discouraged with school, I must say that education is a powerful source to have. I won't preach. However, I will only say that I think education gives you valuable experiences that will last you a lifetime.

Let me say a few words about experiences in college...opportunities are limitless. I have so many memories I will carry with me and even some day, I will them share with my little girl or boy. I have discovered what I want to do with my life. Last summer I took a photography class and the rest is history. I am determined to have a career as a photojournalist. Although, I also know there's so much more to life than just a career. At this time, I am uncertain of the future but I am determined to have what's waiting for me. This last semester at WSC has been one of the toughest semesters ever, as I have learned so much about life and what the future holds. I am secure in knowing my life as a student will only help with my journey into the future and enable me to make my dreams a reality.

I remember when I was graduating from high school and I wrote this quote in my yearbook... "To dream on is over and through, now my dreams can come true." I realize now, I wasn't done dreaming. I have many more dreams that college has given me.

As I leave, I will pursue my dreams, and I will gaze out that window one last time before I go and then I will start the next chapter of my life. It's my turn to be happy.

-Kay Saltmarsh
Editor of Photography

My final hurrah

MEG FARRELL

My friends will attest that I am the first person to complain about college policy, the administration or government at Westfield State. Over the past four years, I must admit that I have, at least once or twice, been convinced of some administrative conspiracy against the students, or made outrageous claims about authority figures on campus. But as I sit here, ready to compile my final hurrah, I cannot bring myself to say anything bad about my experience here at WSC.

We all think that we're ready for college when we finally graduate high school. You think you are SO mature, so open-minded, and the coolest person ever. Who wouldn't want to be friends with you? But once you get here, you realize that maybe you aren't so cool, so mature, or even as open-minded as you thought you were. That was me; Confidence was gone, self-esteem shot, I was just a scared little girl.

Looking back, I almost don't recognize myself. I can't believe some of the stupid things I did, or said. But when you're a freshman, every experience is so new to you that you almost lose yourself and get to start all over. And so that's just what I did.

I signed up to run for vice-president of my class with a new friend in my building. When he didn't win, and I did anyway, I got the chance of a lifetime, the opportunity that led me to what has been most important to me here, to what is the backbone of any college experience, my friends. When I met that crazy crew from Sandwich, I could never have imagined what the next four years here held. Because of them, so many other friendships have branched out, so many experiences, so much fun and so much love. I cannot imagine my life without all of the friends I have made here, because to be honest, if they weren't there for me from the beginning of this college trek, I don't know where I would be now. I know everyone thinks their friends are the best, but NEWSFLASH, you're wrong, mine are!

As I sit here, hoping that my roommate's keyboard won't short out from the tears that I am a little embarrassed about, I have to say that college is such an important four years in a person's life.

With the support of my friends, I was able to get so passionate about this campus, which might have backfired a little when you hear me yelling about a ticket on my car from my apartment window, but I can say that I am proud of what I have done at this college because I think I've made a difference. I helped to create the first Halloween Masquerade, I was very much involved in the first slew of weekend programs and when I moved on from SGA to The Campus Voice I was able to I think, express student concerns and opinions through the stories I wrote and "dug up".

I have to say that now, I am a different person. And being here, no matter what I have complained about in the past, has made me this person I am today. I have met some unbelievable people, been taught by some very educated and friendly professors and my life has been changed. Every experience, good or bad, has taught me something about myself and I am grateful for them all because it makes me a better person.

As I sit here, hoping that my roommate's keyboard won't short out from the tears that I am a little embarrassed about, I have to say that college is such an important four years in a person's life. Yeah, our parents send us here hoping that we will learn something and be able to earn a decent salary when we get out, but it is SO much more than that. And by getting involved at WSC, I have had so many more opportunities than I would have had otherwise. That's my first and last piece of advise- Get involved! This place is yours for the taking! I have seen such dedicated students make our college so much better than it was when I got here, so I know it can be done. You will have so many more memorable, learning experiences if you get involved. And I promise you that you'll make friends with some extraordinary people. I certainly did.

Am I ready for graduation and to drive out of that parking lot? Will any of us every really be ready? I doubt it, but I have confidence that I've learned things and met people that I never could have if I hadn't come to Westfield State That scared little girl is gone now, I know I can do it because I won't be alone.

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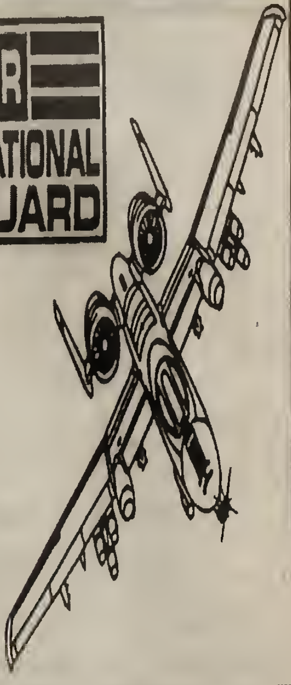

Directing II class puts on ten-minute plays in Ely

By Laura Gibson
Voice Reporter

I was able to get a sneak peek of Plays in Ten, a workshop project performed by the Spring 2001 Directing II Class last Wednesday. This included 5 ten-minute plays from the Actors Theatre of Louisville.

According to Jack Shea, professor for the Directing II Class, the Actors Theatre of Louisville selects several plays out of hundreds of entries written by amateur playwrights. The plays that get chosen get published in a volume produced with the permission of Samuel French, Inc. The five plays presented chosen were directed by the students in Directing II class.

The plays chosen were "Watermelon Boats" by Wendy MacLaughlin, "The Interrogation" by Murphy Guyer, "Lunchtime" by Rob Marcato, "Misreadings" by Neena Beber, and "Precipice" by William Mastrosimone.

"Watermelon Boats" was directed by Michael Sakey. The actors were Kendra Kachadoorian, as Kitty and Elizabeth A. Marshall, as Kate. This play takes place over three different time periods, beginning with the two best friends in fifth grade and ending during the their college years. Throughout these time periods, the two friends discuss friendship, relationships, pregnancy and abortion. They end by discussing who is a stronger person. Each felt that the other person had more inner strength.

"The Interrogation" was next on the program. This was directed by A'ndrea Blake. It was a conversation between a man and a woman who had once been in a relationship. They talk about each other's lives, especially their sex lives and relationships they have both been in. This ten minute play ends by the woman played by Jessica Leibovitz saying, "Do you want to have sex with me?" The man, played by Greg Holland, said, "YES!"

"Lunchtime" was directed by Carrie Marie Janik. This took place at a little luncheon cafe. It began with two women, Donna, Julia Santabarbara, and Angela played by Jane Neville. They were eating their lunch, which is a regularly scheduled event at this food court. They discussed relationships with men. A man, played by John Arthur Hill walks in and sits down at his regular table and Angela believes that he is stalking the two women. She confronts him, and the end result is the man getting hurt by Angela. Donna comes over and helps him out. The man really likes her, but in the end he insults her friend and she runs out.

"Misreadings," directed by Christine Blacke was next on the program. This 10-minute play was between a teacher and a student. Simone, played by Megan Meehan was the student, and the teacher, "Dr. Ruth," was played by Elizabeth Marshall. Simone feels that school is unimportant. Her deep plum colored platform shoes and Drew Barrymore influences are some important aspects of her life. Dr. Ruth, the teacher, convinces Simone that education is important.

"Precipice" was directed by Amanda Jenkins. This takes place on Mt. Rainier. The characters include a man and a woman who are on their first date, played by Julia Santabarbara and Justin Lott. There is a blizzard coming and the two need to jump over a 5-foot gap. If they did not they would die. If they jumped there would be a good possibility that they would die. The girl wants to jump, but the man is afraid. In the end the girl chickens out and gets "spooked." He goes to find some firewood.

I enjoyed the plays. The actors did a good job. I really enjoyed the acting by Justin Lott in Precipice. He really showed his anger. I wish the actors the best of luck in their up coming performances.

There were not many props, the sets were very simple. "The acting of the play and directing were the main goals in the ten minute plays" says Jack Shea. "They've done very well."

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Seniors Megan Meehan and Elizabeth Marshall star in the 10 minute play "Misreadings."

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Spring Weekend brings together disparate styles, fans

BY JESSICA NORDEN &
LAURA GIBSON
VOICE STAFF

The Saturday of Spring Weekend kicked off with concerts at 11:30 p.m. behind the Ely building. Five bands performed throughout the day, including Lloyds Hill, Children of the Korn, Dispatch, Itchy Fish, and Rahzel (from the Roots), ended around 6:30 p.m.

Lloyds Hill was the first band to perform. Although it was early in the morning for most students, many came out to enjoy the day and to hear rock music. Lloyds Hill's members are Bobb Burgess-vocals and acoustic guitar, Matt Hall-drums, Justin Lamarre-bass and vocals, Kevin Buckingham-lead guitar and vocals, and D.J. Renzi-guitar and vocals.

"I think that this was worth the money, because you get to see bands that you sometimes can't see anywhere else for this price," said Freshman Kim Stearns. "I think that Spring Weekend was a really cool idea and that Lloyds Hill has really great music."

Children of the Korn, a tribute band to Korn, took the stage around 12:30 p.m. and the crowd of students grew a bit larger around that time. Children of the Korn's members are Kyle Small-vocals, Joe Chisholm-guitar, Ken Robert-guitar, Bill Brault-bass, and Kurt Schon-drums. They performed many of Korn's songs and a couple of their own. Students began moving towards the stage to get up closer to enjoy the music.

"I enjoy Spring Weekend because it's really fun and I like the way it brings the campus together to just have fun and enjoy good music," said Freshman Adair Webb. "Lloyds Hill and Children of the Korn are both really good bands."

Dispatch arrived on stage at 1:45 p.m. with the crowd becoming larger as the day went on. More students moved towards the front by the stage as Dispatch began their set. Dispatch's members are Brad-vocals, drums, guitar and percussion, Pete-vocals, bass, and guitar, and Chad-vocals, guitar, bass, percussion.

"I definitely think that this was worth the money and I'm having a great time enjoying the bands, especially Dispatch," said Allison Sherrick, a Freshman.

Before Itchy Fish took the stage, Vice President of Programming, Maggie Smith came on, and with the head of the athletic department, introduced the new Owl mascot picture for the athletics department.

"I think that the security has been a bit too tight, but I'm a hardcore Dispatch fan, so I've enjoyed the day anyways," said Nathan Sigman, a Freshman.

"I think that I would have rather paid $15 than $20, and the school kind of went overboard with security," said Freshman Jen Treadwell. "I think that if they loosened up a bit, more people would have showed up."

"I think that if they had more well, known bands that more people would have thought to buy tickets," said Kristin Richard, a Freshman.

Itchy Fish, a Pearl Jam tribute band, took the stage at 3:30 p.m. and when the band began their set, some of the students in front of the stage started crowd surfing and the cops came and took away the students who were participating. Itchy Fish then told the crowd to just enjoy the show and not to crowd surf.

Itchy Fish's members are Ziggy Sevigny-vocals, Bob Eddy-guitar, Jesse Bastos-bass, Port Raposa-drums, Sean Compton-guitar, and Huggie Hudson-tech. Itchy Fish had DJ J.S. accompany them on a few of their songs.

Around 5:30 p.m., Rahzel (from the Roots) took the stage as the last performer of the night. Rahzel brought out a lot from the crowd. Most of the students that were inside of the concert area joined the crowd around the stage. The crowd got very excited and upbeat as Rahzel ended the day with his voice acting as a vocal sound machine accompanied by DJ J.S. who had joined Itchy Fish earlier.

-Staff Photo

Lloyds Hill performing at Spring Weekend Saturday April 28.

" I think that it was great because you get to eat good food and hear great music. Dispatch was really good and the crowd liked it too," said Meghan Kydd, a Freshman.

"Today was fun and it was something different than what goes on usually on the weekends," said Freshman Angela Webb. "I really enjoyed Dispatch, so I had a great time today."

Maggie Smith, Vice President of Programming, talked about the collaboration of DJ J.S. with Itchy Fish and Rahzel. Itchy Fish and Rahzel had performed together a few nights ago and Itchy Fish had requested if DJ J.S. could perform with them today. "The stage manager worked it out with the band and the sound people. Itchy Fish thought that it would be a great opportunity for them and the crowd seemed to enjoy it a lot.

"I think that the turnout was really great and I was very impressed with the show. The crowd was having a lot of fun. Today was smooth and everyone arrived on time. This year we hired a stage manager for the first time and he controlled everything on stage perfectly. I think that today went very well and everyone had a lot of fun," said Smith.

Other activities included Friday night's performances by Disco Village, 3 Apples High, the Breakdancers, and Traveling Matt. On Saturday, novelties like a moonbounce, a bull-riding event, and a blown up obstacle course were available along with fried dough and vendors selling gifts.

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Track, Field Teams Defend Conference Titles

Women Win Fourth Straight

The Westfield State women's track and field team captured its fourth straight Mass. State Conference championship with an impressive performance on Saturday, April 28.

Competing on their home track, the Westfield women racked up 245 points to outdistance second place Bridgewater State (194 points).

"We did very outstanding job considering our team really isn't that big (18 athletes)," said coach Sean O'Brien.

The Owls finished first in eight of the 20 events, including the two relay races, and they had standout performances from a trio of freshmen - Abbey Leffond, Jess Silva and Lis Collins.

Laffond set a meet record in the javelin with a toss of 125-5. The Athol native also won the discus (116-4) and finished second in the shot put behind Collins, who set a new school record with a heave of 36-7 3/4. Collins also finished third in the discus and fifth in the hammer throw.

Silva burned a lot of calories during the meet as she placed in four events and ran on the winning 4 x 100 relay. The Reading native won the 400 meter run (1:01.04), and finished second in the long jump, 100, and 200.

Senior Starr Hockenberry supplied the main scoring punch in the long distance runs by finishing first in the 1500 (5:19.10) and second in the 3,000. Also placing first was junior first-year track and field performer Michaela Blaney in the triple jump.

In the New England Alliance track and field championship also held April 28, Westfield State finished a close second in the 11-team meet. Southern Maine won the title with 152 points followed by Westfield with 125.

Laffond (javelin), Silva (400), and Collins (shot put) claimed New England Alliance individual titles along with the 4 x 400 relay squad that consisted of Kristi Lin Popoff, Michaele Bleney, Brigitte Brandt, and Nikki Esten.

Senior Dave Cerabin shows off the first-place hardware during the Westfield State men's track and field team's victory lap after claiming the Mass. State and New England Alliance Conference championships.
Photos By Mickey Curtis

Track and Field Results

Mass. State Conference Track and Field Championships

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS - 1. Westfield State 281; 2. Bridgewater State 138; 3. Fitchburg State 75; 4. Worcester State 67; 5. Salem State 51.

FIRST: Vinnie Ferrechia, javelin, 164-0; Mark Howard, hammer throw, 135-7; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 21-5 1/2; Chris Allie, triple jump, 41-4 1/4; Jeson Peppas, 3000 steeplechase, 9:55.54; Matt LeMaire, 110 hurdles, 16.02; David Eeton, 400, 50.54; Marco Iannello, 800, 2:01.40; Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 56.23; 4 x 100 relay (Eaton, Cabarin, Fregeau, Jason Olivari), 43.55; 4 x 400 relay (Eaton, Fregeau, Hume, Iannello), 3:27.72.

SECOND: Greg Haskell, javelin, 157-8; Tom Gilbert, hammer throw, 130-9; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 43-2 1/2; Andy Barron, 10,000, 34:33.62; Brian Church, 3000 steeplechase, 11:01.23; Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.44; Jason Pappas, 800, 2:03.3; Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.63; Tom Bousquet, 5000, 15:55.24.

THIRD: Robert Byrne, discus, 114-4; Nik Wlodyka, pole vault, 10-0; Matthew James, shot put, 42-0; Chris Allie, long jump, 19-9; Josh Lewbel, high jump, 6-0; Chris Hume, 110 hurdles, 16.34; David Carabin, 100, 11.63; Nik Wlodyka, 1500, 4:33; David Carabin, 400 hurdles, 59.33; David Eaton, 200, 23.33.

FOURTH: Stanley P'au, hammer throw, 107-10; Tom Gilbert, discus, 112-3; Ryen Fregeau, triple jump, 37-10 3/4; Andy Barron, 1500, 4:35.50.

FIFTH: Josh Lewbel, javolin, 141-10; Jason Pappas, pole vault, 9-6; Patrick Swett, pole vault, 9-6; Chris Hume, long jump, 18-11 1/4; Brian Church, triple jump, 37-5 3/4; Matt LeMaire, high jump, 5-10; Greg Auccin, 100, 11.34; Matt LeMaire, 400 hurdles, 1:00.33; Greg Auccin, 200, 23.84.

SIXTH: Stanley P'au, shot put, 39-0 1/2; Ryan Fregeau, long jump, 18-9 1/4; Jeff Favreau, triple jump, 37-5; David Eaton, 100, 12.45.

Mass. State Conference Track and Field Championships

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS - 1. Westfield 245; 2. Bridgeweter 194; 3. Fitchburg 82; 4. Salem 49; 5. Worcester 22.

FIRST: Abbey Laffond, javelin, 125-5 (meet record); Abbey Leffond, discus, 116-4; Lis Collins, shot put, 36-7 3/4 (school record); Michaela Blaney, triple jump, 32-0 3/4; Starr Hockenberry, 1500, 5:19.10; Jess Silva, 400, 1:01.04; 4 x 100 relay (Silve, Brendt, Bethoney, Esten), 52.54; 4 x 400 relay (Popoff, Blaney, Brandt, Esten), 4:22.62.

SECOND: Abbey Laffond, shot put, 34-11 3/4; Jess Silva, long jump, 15-2 3/4; Deanna Thomas, high jump, 4-11 3/4; Jess Silva, 100, 14.15; Nikki Esten, 400, 1:02.84; Megg Bethoney, 400 hurdles, 1:10.23; Jess Silve, 200, 27.92; Starr Hockenberry, 3000, 11:59.75.

THIRD: Lis Collins, discus, 98-5; Shannon Rhinhart, triple jump, 30-1 1/2; Erin Rourke, high jump, 4-7 3/4; Catie Geldert, 10,000, 45:34.24; Laura Hurley, 6000, 24:17.62; Erin Rourke, 100 hurdles, 18.35; Brigitta Brandt, 100, 14.75; Kristi Lin Popoff, 800, 2:31.4; Catie Geldert, 3000, 12:45.84.

FOURTH: Alyssa Reid, 10,000, 49:40.22; Shannon Rhinhart, 14.83; Brigitta Brandt, 400, 1:06.43; Alyssa Reid, 3000, 13:03.34.

FIFTH: Lis Collins, hammer throw, 96-01; Nikki Esten, long jump, 13-10 1/2; Megg Bethoney, 100 hurdles, 18.76; Andrea Sawler, 800, 2:46.7; Starr Hockenberry, 400 hurdles, 1:20.14; Laura Hurley, 3000, 14:29.84.

SIXTH: Shannon Rhinhart, long jump, 13-10 1/4.

Complete Track and Field Conference Results are at: www.coolrunning.com

Men Dominate Alliance, MASCAC

The Westfield State men's track and field team continued to dominate the state college competition by easily claiming the New England Alliance and the Mass. State Conference championships, which were both held Saturday, April 28.

The Owls captured their fourth straight Alliance crown by racking up 176 points to easily outdistance Bridgewater State (84) and Keene State (75) in the 11-team meet. Westfield won its fifth straight MASCAC crown in convincing fashion with an incredible 281 points. The other four teams in the MASCAC meet combined to score 331 points.

"Nice, nice," said Westfield State coach Sean O'Brien of the scoring assault. "We have 32 athletes on the men's team and everybody contributed in some fashion. I was especially pleased with the performances of some of our freshmen and sophomores."

The depth was very evident in the Mass. State championship meet as Westfield claimed nine individual titles from nine different athletes. In addition, the Owls sprinted to exciting victories in the 4 x 100 relay (43.55) and 4 x 400 relay (3:27.72) in both the Alliance and MASCAC.

Sophomore Josh Lewbel, who missed last season with an injury, showed his versatility by placing first in the long jump (21-5 1/2), third in the high jump (6-0), and fifth in the javelin.

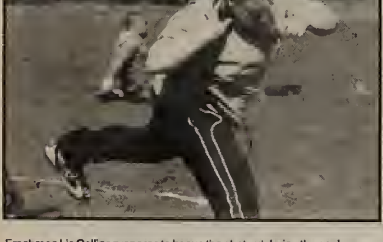
Freshmen Chris Hume and Matt LeMaire, along with junior David Eaton, also had productive days. Hume won the 400 hurdles and finished third in the 400 hurdles and fifth in the long jump. LeMaire copped the 110 hurdles and placed fifth in both the 400 hurdles and the high jump. Eaton placed first in the 400, third in the 200, sixth in the 100, and was a member of both championship relays.

Sophomore Ryen Fregeau of Athol did not claim any individual firsts, but he was a member of the winning relays and placed second in both the 100 and 200 behind Worcester State All America sprinter Stanley Egbor, who won in sensational times of 10.93 and 21.44. In addition, Fregeau was fourth in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump.

Junior Vinnie Ferrecchia (javelin) and senior Jason Pappas (3000 steeplechase) defended their MASCAC crowns. Also placing first were: Mark Howard in the hammer throw, Chris Allie in the triple jump, and Marco Iannello in the 800.

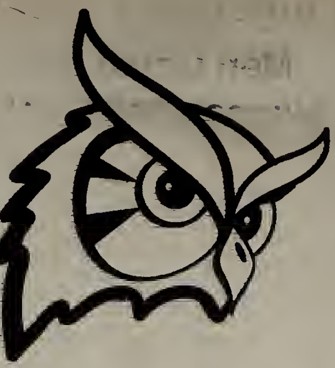
Pappes also finished second in the 800, while Tom Gilbert led the weight brigade with second places in the hammer throw and shot put and a fourth in the discus.

In New England Alliance meet, Eaton (400), LeMaire (110 hurdles), Hume (400 hurdles), and Lewbel (long jump) clinched individual titles.



Freshman Lis Collins prepares to heave the shot put during the conference track and field championships held April 28 at Westfield State. Collins set a new school record by flipping the steel ball 36-7 3/4.

Sophomore Josh Lewbel soars through the air to win the long jump with a leap of 21-5 1/2 inches. Lewbel was one of nine Westfield State athletes to claim individual MASCAC titles.



Athletics Dept. Unveils New Owl Logo

By Mickey Curtis

The Westfield State College athletics department is sporting a new look these days with its new Owl logo, an updated graphic of the college's established mascot.

The new athletics logo will be displayed on team uniforms, hats, playing fields and in publications. The logo has a copyright and trademark, which means the image cannot be altered, or reproduced by other colleges. There will also be guidelines for campus use of the logo.

"This Owl was designed to give us a more modern, fresh look," said assistant athletics director Nancy Bals, who chaired the committee that created the logo. "Plus, we wanted to give the students something they would like."

The "official athletics logo" was first unveiled at the spring weekend festivities held April 28 on the Westfield State campus. Sixty t-shirts featuring the new logo were then tossed into the crowd by band members on the main stage. Students who were lucky recipients of the t-shirts began wearing them immediately.

"This logo looks more like an Owl than our previous logo," said Bals. "And the new Owl promotes our school colors (blue and white)."

Phil Aucella, a talented graphic designer who resides in Westfield, created the logo after extensive research of the bird's features, particulary the New England owl, and numerous meetings with college representatives.

Providing input were: athletics director Ken Magarian; assistant athletics director Mickey Curtis; public affairs director Jeanne Julian; faculty athletics representive Ed Abar; Barry Maloney, assistant to the president; Larry Nafultin, director of development; and members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Board.

"We were looking for an owl that had some character but wasn't overly aggressive," remarked Bals.

The athletics department has recognized the need for a consistent look for the athletics logo for some time, according to Magarian. With a strong endorsement from President Woodward, the initiative was finally able to be funded through marketing funds earmarked by the college's multi-department marketing team, chaired by Julian. A college mascot suit is also in the works.

Beginning next fall, the mascot suit will be worn by selected students who will represent the college at various college and town functions. Next September, there will be a contest for the student body to name the mascot.

"We hope the new owl will help promote campus spirit and make the college more visible in the community," said Magarian.

Softball Edged In 11 Innings By Top-Ranked Bridgewater

BRIDGEWATER - The Westfield State softball team suffered a tough 3-2, 11-inning loss to Bridgewater State in the opening round of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament last Wednesday.

Bridgewater, the top seed in the tournament, survived the upset bid and won its 20th straight game to improve to 29-10-1. Westfield State, seeded fourth in the four-team double-elimination tournament, is 13-20 overall.

The Owls returned to Bridgewater State for a loser's bracket game vs. Fitchburg State on Saturday, May 5, at 11 a.m. Fitchburg, seeded third, lost to Mass. College, 2-1, in Wednesday's other opening round contest.

Westfield took a 1-0 second-inning lead, then Bridgewater scored twice in the bottom of the fifth. The Owls tied the score with a run in the top of the seventh. Bridgewater finally pulled out the victory in the fourth extra frame on Colleen Dolan's RBI single with no outs and the bases loaded.

Bridgewater outhit Westfield State, 14-6. Sophomore shortstop Nicole Kenney rapped two singles and scored both of Westfield's runs. Senior center fielder Sue Smith was 2-for-4 with an RBI single.

Freshman Sarah Simmons was the losing pitcher; she hurled the final four innings. Junior Sarah Kalagher pitched the first six innings and struck out six.

Softball Sweeps Framingham

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College softball team earned a berth in the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament with a 3-2, 7-3 doubleheader sweep of Framingham State on Saturday, April 28, in its home finale.

The Owls finished fourth in the eight-team conference with an 8-6 record.

In the opener, the Owls edged Framingham (6-8 conference, 20-13 overall) in eight innings.

The Rams scored two unearned runs in the sixth inning for a 2-1 lead. Westfield tied the score in the home half of the frame on an RBI single by senior center fielder Sue Smith.

Westfield scored the winning run in the eighth on back-to-hack doubles by Nicole Kenney and Sarah Kalagher.

Senior third baseman Jill Eastley was 2-for-4 with a double and freshman left fielder B.J. Dion was 2-for-4 with a triple.

Winning pitcher Sarah Simmons allowed six hits.

In the second game, Wesfield rallied from a 3-0 first-inning deficit. The Owls pushed across four runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth.

Winning pitcher Sarah Kalagher was 3-for-3 and Smith was 2-for-3 with two RBI. Sophomore catcher Tasha Goulet was 2 for 3 and Eastley pounded another double to raise her league-leading total for two baggers to 14.

Kalagher allowed five hits and two walks and struck out a season-high nine batters.

Ice Hockey Season Review

The Westfield State ice hockey team went into the 2000-2001 season with high expectations. The team improved its 6-14-1 record from the 1999-2000 season to an impressive 16-6-2 this year.

The Owls added 14 freshmen to the squad. Senior captain Matt Fontaine, along with fellow seniors Mike Fitzgerald, Steve Mortarelli, Brian Huggon and sophomore Brian Donnelly formed a strong returning nucleus for Head Coach Brian Ward. Mortarelli and Huggon would stay with the team for the first half of the season until their December graduation.

The Owls were 9-3-1 during the season's first half, and at one point they were 7-0-1. The second half of the season saw the team go 7-3-1. They boasted a road record of 9-2-1, while skating to a home record of 7-4-1.

In a key first semester game, the Owls outplayed and outshot Western New England College, but came up short losing 3-1.

"This game was a big confidence boost for our young team. We played well enough to win," said Ward.

The squad then beat Assumption College on the road 3-2. Freshman goaltender Ardian Kalezic led the Owls, stopping 33 out of 35 shots. The team outscored its next two opponents, Sacred Heart and WPI, by a combined score of 14-2.

The next seven days would be the most telling part of the season. The Owls played four games in seven days, while compiling a 3-0-1 record. The team came from behind in every game.

At Curry College, the Owls trailed 3-0 at the start of the third period, then fought back and scored three straight goals. The main story of the game was the 55 saves by goaltender Ardian Kalezic.

"This game not only showed what this young team has, but it also showed what the future holds. This was a huge statement game," said Ward.

Westfield State's only road loss came against Framingham State, 5-1. In a war up in Maine, the team defeated Bates College, 4-3, led by James Carapella's hat trick. Kalezic stopped 36 shots while picking up his ninth victory of the season. The next three games saw Westfield outscore their opponents 32-2. The victories came over Bridgewater State, WPI and Coast Guard.

In the most physical game of the season, Westfield skated to a 2-2 tie with Franklin Pierce. Both teams combined for more than 100 penalty minutes. Westfield then rebounded at Sacred Heart, beating them for the second time, 7-6. The Owls got a strong game from Mike Palazzola, senior Matt Fontaine, and defensemen Keith Nadeau and Mark Carrasquillo.

Westfield then ended its season on a disappointing note. In one of the worst efforts of the season, the Owls fell to Central Connecticut State, 3-2.

"It's unfortunate to end the season this way, but we were a very tired and beat up team. This game will certainly be motivation at the beginning of next season," stated Ward.

Early in June, the college will announce the team's future, and at the team's spring banquet in early May, next year's schedule and captains will be announced. The team bids farewell to seniors Matt Fontaine and Jason Dunner. Sixteen student-athletes return from this year's roster, led by fifth-year senior Mike Fitzgerald and junior Brian Donnelly.

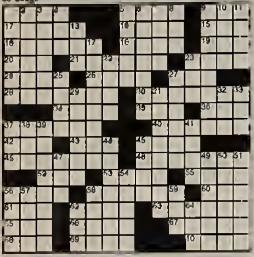
Westfield State sophomore Corey Scafidi was named Mass. State Conference Co-Player of the Week during the final week of the regular season. He had six hits during the week, all for extra bases: two homers, three doubles, and a triple. The Waltham native finished the season with a .312 batting average, trailing junior Josue Zamora (.351) and senior Dan Wenzel (.323).

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Hey there friends!!! Boy, did we have some great fun this year. Make sure you keep every single one of these pages to read over and over again this summer, or I will send a very rabid yak after you. No really, I will. I love you all, HAPPY SUMMER!!!

ACROSS
1 "Garfield" pooch
5 Gourmet cook
9 "Cheers" role
12 Movie about killer apes
14 Ship's body
15 Doll or teddy bear
16 Coaches
18 Black
19 Columnist Landers
20 Quiet — mouse
21 Entices
23 Territory
24 Head support
26 Detective's assignment
27 Lean-to
28 Where river meets sea
30 New cops
34 Membership fees
35 Total
36 New Jersey basketball player
37 Grasshopper
40 Exciting
42 Once — blue moon
43 R.N.'s specialty
45 — St. Vincent Millay
46 Salmon type
48 Road's edge
52 Relatives
53 Bump into
55 Trumpet or bugle
56 Actress Tuesday —
56 More to the point
60 Spot
61 Onassis nickname
62 Actor Andrews
53 Heavenly
65 Lodge
66 Linkletter and Carney
67 Goof
68 Limb
69 Pedestal
70 Gets hitched

DOWN
1 Fuel rating
2 Branches
3 Whole
4 Concert
5 Snack food
6 Certain sportsman
7 Antlered animals
8 Go by jet
9 Beginning
10 Tiptop
11 Talking bird
13 Morsel
17 Under the table
22 Baseball great Willie —
23 Diving bird
25 African antelope
27 Grits
29 "Northanger Abbey" novelist
31 Old-fashioned
32 Slippery fish
33 Pigpen
37 Fleur-de- —
38 Lennon's wife
39 Laughing
41 Poet Ogden —
44 Glues
45 Members of the flock
47 Young goat
49 Antiseptic
50 Talked on and on
51 Comes in
54 Wipe clean
56 Mournful cry
57 Sea eagle
58 "Gone With the Wind" mansion
59 Umbrella part
62 Smidgen
64 Oath



YES, BUT TECHNICALLY WE ARE PEDESTRIANS AND THEREFORE, HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY...
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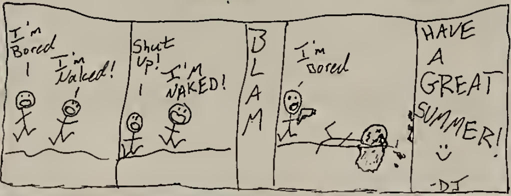
LEX

by phil flickinger (www.l-e-x.com)

LEX, TAKE A LOOK OUT THAT WINDOW. THAT IS OUR WORLD TO CONQUER, AND THIS COLLEGE CAMPUS IS THE TRAINING CAMP FOR OUR MINDS.
DO WE KNOW ANYBODY WHO HAS A CAR?
NO... DO YOU HAVE ANY MONEY?
NO.
HEY... THAT GUY HAS A TV IN HIS ROOM; WE COULD HANG OUT THERE!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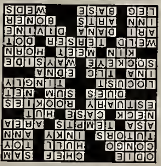
I'm Naked!
Shut Up!
I'M NAKED!
BLAM
I'm Bored
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!
-DJ



Personals

Hi Zaps, love Spaz

To my roommates (the original five) I love you guys tons! CS, KR, MV, and TT! Love KM

I am so proud of my award winning bubbie

RR I love you! KM

AJ, as big sis, I'll miss you this summer :(

Matt, Ryan, Twizzlers anyone?

School is almost over! Woohoo!

Sarah, I love you.

Matty, don't worry, girls dig short guys!

I am the playboy bunny.

I-2...Stew! Trust me, it's true!!

Jeroy wants me, I know it.

It's a Dre Day, everyday - I luv u!!!

You belong to the city....

Scuba, ready? I am going to serenade you: "did you ever know that you're my heeeeerooooo..."
Scotty too hottie
Pete has the heat
Kaz is the spaz

Dano is the mano
Mike is liked
But Glen's the best of the 3A3 men.

The RA's had their big power trip this weekend.

Whitey, yoo have to look the strippers in the eye.

Beer is good, booze is better. I like 'em both, especially together -1BI

Hey Flewis, you need to gain weight.

There is a big fat donkey in my pants...it says, "hee-haw"

Ewww, I am never eating potato chips and frozen yogurt together again. I think I am gonna barf.

Spring weekend sucked.

Bring the beer over Mikey, you owe us it, punk!

Hoggle's Hog

June 19th or 30th, either way you flip it.

I can't wait to get out of this joint!

Erin, you have been an awesome roommate hun, thanks so much! I will think of you always when watching the "Golden Girls"

(aww look I am being cheezy!)

HeYyoO420...I will always be your muffin :)

Why does it seem like everyone is breaking up right now!!!

Tom, you need to kiss that girl already, or show it too her at least!

Meg and Kev, I am happy I am leaving, but I wish I could still be your roommate!

That's what happens when you smoke too much crack, said Pete.

Alissa, you have the biggest boots ever!

Nathan, I love your eyes...can I steal them?

I don't want to wait in vain.

Paitence is a virtue...LEARN IT.

Nobody liked Jane anyways.

Lauren and Lauren, you better be nice roommates to each other next year or I will beat you both up!

There is a hole in this stupid shirt already! Contempo sucks!

Does anyone know what the weather is going to be like next week?

Stupid Balls.

I saw the president passed out on his bed once.

Jeremy, it's not my fault we didn't watch The Fifth Element...I can't help it if I'm dead sexy :)

Wiffle ball for my Dickinson boyz!

I am the playboy bunny flower princess!!!!

Kristi, you are my favorite RA ever! (and you are also a great friend, but that's beside the point!)

How come I don't tan dammit!

Darren, you are not my mother. Roger is.

Oh Patty! You will always be my goddess of the color pink!

Laurie, you and I made a good team, but it's still not easy being green!

How can you sleep at night knowing that you betrayed and backstabbed all of your fellow students?

The students of WSC let the administration get away with anything they want.

See you all next year.

Note: The personals are a service for the WSC community and do not reflect the opinions of the Campus Voice Staff.

A plea to the administration: Please continue the Westfield State tradition and let the Senior Class Officers sit on the stage at Graduation on May 19th.

To the editor:

Recent discussions across campus have prompted me to write to you about the removal of senior class officers from the commencement stage. I hope that the students and entire college community will take a moment and consider my views on the topic.

The tradition that we are losing is an important one. It is unique to Westfield State College and symbolizes the importance of students. Without a doubt, there are many other people who should be recognized on the stage. However, this should not happen at the cost of student representation. Replacing the senior class officers with trustees or administrators sends a clear message: students at WSC are not as important as those who hold positions of authority. Several people have wondered why the senior class officers should be recognized on the stage. How this tradition was begun is unknown to me, and I am not opposed to the displacement due to my own loss. I would be glad to turn my seat over to any other student. This is an issue of tradition and symbolism, not of personal privilege.

I was happy to read, in a memo sent to faculty and staff by Vice President Lopes and Dean Martin, that they have "chosen to be more inclusive" and include a part time and DGCE student on the platform. It is good that these two student populations are now being recognized. This, however, only clouds the issue, and my interest resides with the undergraduates at WSC. We are by far the largest student population on campus, and representation on stage should reflect that. It is also important to notice that although ten seats were taken from senior class officers, only two new students were added while several new trustees and administrators were given seats.

I also feel that we have been misled at points while dealing with the administration on this issue. As the memo that I earlier mentioned said, the original reasoning that the class officers were given for this decision was due to trustees' desires. We later found this to be false. "In fact, not a single trustee is concerned whether he or she sits on the platform," the administration's memo said. Since that point, we have been given the names of a number of different people who will now be used to fill the student seats.

I hope that these points help people to understand my disappointment and concern with the administration's decision. Whatever the seating arrangement will be at graduation, which is only twelve days away, I look forward to the event. For those of you who are graduating, congratulations; for all students, good luck with your finals; and for the entire college community, thank you for a great four years !

-Francis H. Henderson III
Representative to the Class of 2001

WSC's Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon 5/7	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	L.A.F.E. Meeting Monday Night Jazz Movies "The Legend of Bagger Vance" and "Space Cowboys"	L.A.F.E. Office Ely Main Lounge Channels 56&57
Tue 5/8	4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Commuter Council Meeting Catholic Mass SGA Meeting Movies "The Perfect Storm" and "Usual Suspects"	Ely 147 Interfaith Center SGA Lower Ely Channels 56&57
Wed 5/9		**Last Day of Classes**	
	4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Campus Activity Board (CAB) Meeting Catholic Mass Weekend Programming Meeting Campus Crusade Bible Study Gay Straight Alliance Meeting Campus Crusade Meeting Movies "Conspiracy Theory" and "Legend of the Drunken Master"	SGA Lower Ely Interfaith Center Call SGA at x5429 Meet in Ely Lobby Ely 232 Meet in Ely Lobby Channels 56&57
Thur 5/10		**Exams Start**	
	4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass Campus Crusade Bible Study Bible Study Movies "Miss Congeniality" and "The Replacements" Karaoke Night	Interfaith Center Meet in Ely Lobby Ely 130 Channels 56&57 Ely Main Lounge
Fri 5/11	8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Movies "Bounce" and "Boycott" Friday Night Videos	Channels 56&57 Ely Lower Lounge
Sat 5/12	8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Live w/WSKB 89.5 FM Movies "Bounce" and "Boycott"	Ely Main Lounge Channels 56&57
Sun 5/13	12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Catholic Mass Catholic Mass Movies "Bounce" and "Boycott"	Wilson Auditorium Wilson Auditorium Channels 56&57

Have a great summer and we'll see you next year-**The Campus Voice Staff**

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Sat 1p-6p & Sun 1p-9p

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(Dr. on duty) Mon-Fri 10:30a-1p

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Sat. 11a-3p Sun. Closed

Wellness Center

Mon-Wed 7a-10p Thur 7a-9p Fri 7a-7p
Sat 1p-6p Sunday 4p-9p x5500 pool info

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Mon-Fri 8a-11p Sat 12p-11p
Sun 1p-11p

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